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THE VALUE OF OUR BANKS

INTERESTING FIGURES FROM THE COMPTROLLER'S BOOKS

The Business Steadily on the Increase—Finding Out the Methods of Transacting Business in the Departments—Various Other Washington Affairs

WASHINGTON, March 25.—An interesting statement is just being prepared by the treasury department regarding the condition of the national banks of the country. Five times a year the comptroller of the currency sends to the National banks of the entire country for a statement as to their financial condition, their loans and deposits, capital, circulation, deposits and other details. Five times a year the banks respond to their uncle [illegible] afford to monkey with an officer of the department through which they hold their lease of life. So the responses come promptly and when they are footed up they make a very interesting [illegible]. It is one of these five occasions that has furnished the information referred to above. It will be seen that there are now nearly 3,000 National banks in the country. Notwithstanding the fact that the national banks are not doing as well as they used to, they are steadily on increasing in numbers and [illegible].

[illegible] a little while the persistent visitor at the office of the comptroller of currency [illegible] from room to room an argument [illegible] of the organization of new banks. They go steadily on increasing in numbers and strength till now there are in round numbers 3,000 of them and the capital stock amounts to $600,000,000. [illegible] the remarkable fact [illegible] in spite of the steady growth that their net earnings [illegible] fairly [illegible]. In [illegible] this only been one [illegible] in which their [illegible] the [illegible] expenses were paid did not amount to [illegible] per cent or more on the capital and surplus. Eight to [illegible] per cent [illegible] for money now when four per cent bonds are at a premium of about [illegible]0 per cent."

[illegible] feature to be noticed in this bank statement is the relation of the loans and discount to the capital stock. The capital stock of the National banks of the country is in round numbers $600,000,000, yet those [illegible] by their own confession have to [illegible] accounts outstanding to the [illegible] billion and half or nearly three times the amount of their capital stock. [illegible] that [illegible] of banks [illegible] in the [illegible] money as they [illegible] have enough left to run their daily business with? [illegible] along down the [illegible] and perhaps you may find the explanation. The individual deposits of these banks amount you will notice to over $1,000,000,000, or over twice as much as the capital of the banks themselves. Of course [illegible] that I suppose that it might [illegible] fundamental [illegible] kept $1,000,000,000 of the people's money locked up in their [illegible] so they kindly keep it in circulation by loaning it out to somebody else at a high rate of interest. This is evident to the most [illegible] observer for the loans of the banks while they are three times as much as the capital stock are just equal to the capital stock and deposits of the banks put together. [illegible] Will not exactly [illegible] but it is a game in which confidence plays a very active part.

The public is saying that the banker has all the [illegible] voluntarily to him and takes but a little care of [illegible] more without [illegible] interest. The banker accommodates [illegible] as he is requested and meanwhile is turning round loans out not only his capital but the [illegible] of his depositors, taking [illegible] and interest for all three of them. In the private and savings banks the deposit is much more [illegible] of confidence even than in the National banks, for there are 700 saving banks in the country with over [illegible] billion of dollars deposited in them and a total capital amounting to over [illegible]. Confidence did you say? It [illegible] a good deal that way. And yet the present banking system of this country is believed to be the best that any country has or has ever had. Probably it is and there is [illegible] that it has so soon to come to an end so far as its currency system goes. If the treasury department goes to buying up [illegible] bonds before they are due as it probably [illegible] there will soon be only the four per cent bonds payable in 1907 [illegible] a basis for circulation of the National banks.

Committee of Inquiry

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Senator Cockrell, chairman of the senate select committee to inquire into and examine the methods of business and work in the executive departments of the government, has taken the first steps toward carrying out the inquiry during the past week by addressing [illegible] letter to the heads of each department telling them just what information is desired by the committee. The senator in each of his letters requests a detailed statement of the methods of transacting business in each division of each bureau including [illegible] items of the principal business matters transacted in each of such divisions, beginning with the receipt of the business [illegible] in the department and then showing [illegible] consecutive order the various steps taken [illegible] of such business matters through the various divisions and the various bureaus and divisions of such bureaus and employes through whose hands the same passes and [illegible] acted upon [illegible] until the same is finally [illegible] and [illegible] on to the [illegible].

[illegible] detailed [illegible] the [illegible] division [illegible] these three years [illegible] each [illegible] and also [illegible] and the most [illegible] employes [illegible] in each of the divisions during each of the months of these years and if no account has been kept of the business performed and disposed of by each employe during these years the reasons why such account has not been kept and also a statement showing the average number of days and the time and attention devoted to the consideration and transaction of business by the employes in the divisions, and whether in person or by proxy during each of these years up to March 1, 1887. Such employes or any of them may have been receiving pay from the United States and also the maximum and minimum number of days during each of the years so devoted to business by the employe in each of the division [illegible] for the greatest number of days and also for the least number of days.

In a third letter sent to the departments to-day the senator requests a statement of the number of employes in each department on March 1, 1887.

These letters show that Senator Cockrell intends the investigation to be thorough and searching. For the last ten or twelve years [illegible] the heads of departments or bureaus [illegible] been clamoring for more help. [illegible] of the bureaus probably need a larger force; other perhaps do not need the force they have all along been provided with, and this investigation the senator thinks will at least show whether congress has been remiss in not providing additional force or the administration of the department faulty by not utilizing and arranging their employes so as to keep all busy and at the same time keep the work everywhere well attended to. Acting Secretary Muldrow, of the interior department has already taken steps to comply with Senator Cockrell's request and has directed the heads of bureaus and divisions in that department to prepare the desired data for the committee.

Cleveland and Hill

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The recent visits of Smith Weed, of New York, and ex-Assistant Secretary Smith, formerly of New York but now of Minneapolis, are said to be for the purpose of consulting the president about the coming presidential fight. They are, it is said, not a little solicitous about the situation and between that and the steps already taken by the friends of Governor Hill to secure the New York delegation, will force the president into the field as a candidate no matter whether he desires the nomination or not as any course would sacrifice the men who stood by him both [illegible] and since his election.

The next fifteen months will be the most lively ever known in New York politics, growing fiercer as the time approaches for the choice of delegates. It will not be a question of the president, but of the perpetuation of the policy which he has inaugurated and the threatened disturbance of which by the conceded spoils policy of Hill, might remove the Democratic party from its ascendency in public affairs as suddenly as it acquired power through the individuality and record for political integrity of its candidate in 1884. The shape which affairs are taking is causing undisguised alarm among Democrats who follow Mr. Cleveland closely.

The Civil Service Commissioner

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The civil service commission has placed the Richmond, Va., and Denver, Col., postoffice under civil service rules and in a few days will organize [illegible] boards at these points. Commissioner [illegible] has gone to Ft. Wayne [illegible] on private business. From there he will go to Chicago to aid Commissioner [illegible] in conducting an examination on the 15th of [illegible] month for department service. While in Chicago the two commissioners will also investigate charges filed by the Civil Service league of that city against the collector of the port accusing him of violating the civil service law.

Our Minister to Turkey

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Oscar S. Straus, of New York city, who has been appointed minister to Turkey, is of Hebrew origin. He is a gentleman of extensive literary attainments and has for years been a prominent importer in that city. He was during the last presidential campaign president of the Cleveland and Hendricks Business Men's club of New York.

Exports and Imports

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Exports from the United States during February past were valued at [illegible] and imports to the United States at [illegible]. For the twelve months ended February 28, 1887, exports aggregated [illegible] and imports [illegible]. During February [illegible] immigrants arrived in the United States against [illegible] in February, 1886.

Going to the Statistical Convention

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Professor J. R. Dodge, statistician of the department of agriculture, left Washington yesterday for New York and will sail to Europe on the Servia on Saturday. Professor Dodge goes to Rome as delegate to the International Statistical [illegible] convention which meets there in April.

Surveying Cruiser Thetis

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The surveying cruiser Thetis, under command of Lieut. [illegible], sailed from the New York navy yard this morning for Norfolk, Va. The Thetis, after taking on coal stores at Norfolk, will start for Alaskan waters via Cape Horn, stopping at Montevideo and San Francisco.

Canadian Finances

OTTAWA, Ont., March 25.—The report of [illegible] has been [illegible] but will not be made public until April [illegible]. The Canadian finances are shown by Sir Charles Tupper, the present minister [illegible] be better than [illegible]. The public debt is over [illegible] an increase of over [illegible] the [illegible] year. Of the outstanding bonds it is estimated [illegible] Great Britain holds [illegible], United States [illegible], [illegible], Germany $10,000,000 and France [illegible]. [illegible] the average rate of interest is [illegible] per cent. It will be suggested that in order to take up a loan of [illegible] and prepare for [illegible] expenditures [illegible]. The report will raise a storm when presented to parliament as the liberals have all along contended that Hon. William McClelland who has been finance minister for the past two years was incompetent.

Struck By a Train

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 25.—Three unknown men, evidently laborers, were struck by a Baltimore & Ohio express train to-day near Leighton station. Two of them were killed outright, the third fatally injured.

NEWS FROM OVER THE SEA

ALL THE IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN THE OLD WORLD

Gladstone Talks Irish Affairs in the British House of Commons—Valuable Letters and Mail Stolen—Secretary Manning Arrives in Queenstown—Foreign

LONDON, March 25.—In the house of commons Mr. Gladstone called attention to the unprecedented position of the house, which had already been in session two months. During that time its independent right to initiate legislation had been stifled and the Conservatives were now exulting over the prospects of passing a motion to force the house to surrender the whole of its time until the government could carry through to passage an Irish bill of increased and unwarrantable severity. This kind of pressure, he said, would have a tendency to undermine the authority of the chair and bring into disrepute the rules of procedure.

The present position of the house, Mr. Gladstone said, was altogether different from that which it acquired during the period of its consideration of the coercion act of 1881. Hitherto when ministers had asked permission to introduce legislation dealing with crime in Ireland they had endeavored to show that crime existed there to the extent of terrifying the law abiding portion of the people and of subverting the lawfully constituted authority of the government. Such is not the case now. They make no such claim. It is sufficient crime in the eyes of the government that the people of Ireland have combined to secure a reduction of rent. The evidence of Gen. Buller before the Irish land commission had proved that no general movement was made against the payment of rent but that tenants had simply combined their efforts to have the rents reduced to a fair and just amount.

While preaching the doctrine of sanctity of contracts, Mr. Gladstone continued, Mr. Balfour was intending to introduce a bill violating the terms of leasehold contracts adjusted under the land act of 1881, just as the judicial rents were adjusted. It is not for the purpose of vindicating the sanctity of contracts, nor to repress a widespread outbreak of crime and outrage that coercion for Ireland is now demanded by the government and whatever the nature of the government's bill may turn out to be when it is disclosed it is the duty of the Liberal party now to refuse to vote urgency for its introduction. Mr. Gladstone trusted that the people of England would see the Liberal party united in opposition to this measure to its last stage and expressed hope that the Liberals would proclaim with all the strength of justice and reason against a government which after eighty [illegible] years of experience had been given to it in vain was now preparing to strike a fresh blow at the life and happiness of Ireland and at the prosperity and unity of the empire.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain expressed his condemnation of the attitude of those who not knowing the nature of the bill, refused the government an opportunity to introduce and discuss it. Experience he said had shown that formerly enacted remedial measures had failed of their object and the condition of Ireland was as bad as ever, if not worse. The government he thought had been unjustly accused of insincerity and vagueness concerning their proposals and on no better grounds than the fact that they could not be expected to develop and explain them on a motion of urgency for the better administration of justice when remedial measures had failed. For the statement that the bill was framed with the object of securing the collection of excessive rents there was no excuse or justification whatever.

Mr. Chamberlain said he had never for a moment wavered in his opinion that remedial measures could have no possible chance of success while the National League was regarded by a majority of the people of Ireland as a supreme authority in matters concerning the relations between landlord and tenant. If said he public speaking in Ireland were stopped [illegible] the Parnellites could have the responsibility for bloodshed to the government.

Mr. William Henry Smith in supporting a motion to adjourn expressed hope that the debate would end.

Mr. Parnell hoped that it would not.

Mr. Healy remarked that from the remarks of Mr. Chamberlain he had heard for the first time the real object of the bill, the suppression of the National League. He expressed hope that the government would suppress the league, as in that event the Irish members would be relieved of great responsibility.

The Coercion Bill

LONDON, March 25.—Upon the occasion of the introduction of the coercion bill Mr. A. J. Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, will reply to Mr. Gladstone's demand that the house be informed what crime exists in Ireland that justifies the government's measure. A measure has been prepared by the lord lieutenant of Ireland to assist the chief secretary in obtaining the legislation required by the government in pursuance of its Irish policy.

Will Probably Disbar Him

DUBLIN, March 25.—The action of Mr. Timothy Harrington, counsel for Father Keller, in contemptuously throwing out of the window Judge Boyd's summons to Father Keller, at Youghal, has aroused the indignation of many Irish barristers and they are appending their names to a petition now circulating, praying for his disbarment.

Russian Conspiracy in America

BERLIN, March 25.—A German provincial paper states that [illegible] chief conspirator against the life of the czar of Russia is safe in America and that in support of the statement that appeals for money have been received by his friends in Europe since his arrival in America.

Stolen Letters

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—Letters containing money drafts, etc., to the value of [illegible] were stolen a few days ago from [illegible]. [illegible] by Nihilists who [illegible] and [illegible] the building and entered it by cutting through the [illegible].

Manning and Jordan in Queenstown

QUEENSTOWN, March 25.—Secretary of the Treasury Manning and Treasurer Jordan, who arrived by the steamer Arizona, are [illegible] both well. The secretary seems to have been benefited by the voyage.

Tempest on the Ocean

LONDON, March 25.—Capt. Brooks of the steamer Arizona, which arrived at Queenstown this morning from New York, reports that tempests prevailed during the entire passage. Nothing was seen of the racing yachts Dauntless and Coronet.

Forty Officers Arrested

ODESSA, March 25.—Forty officers were arrested here to-day, they having been discovered to be members of revolutionary societies.

Serious Railroad Wreck

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 25.—A delayed freight train on the western division of the Norfolk & Western railroad met with a serious accident at Big Otter bridge, about fourteen miles above this city yesterday evening at [illegible] o'clock. Workmen were engaged in putting up a new iron bridge to take the place of the old trestle and from some unaccountable cause the west span gave way, precipitating eight cars a distance of sixty to seventy feet to the creek below. So far as learned the following named persons were killed: Andy Toome, Thomas Nolan, Charles Williams and George Tremble, all bridge hands, and several whose names have not been learned were seriously injured. None of the crew of the freight train were hurt. The scene of the accident being some distance from a telegraph station only meager accounts have been obtained to this hour.

An Assassination at Youngstown

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 25.—Yesterday evening in Kilmany, a suburb of this city, as Miss May Hancock, aged seventeen years, was walking with Wilber Knox, aged twenty years, she was shot by Ebenezer Stanyard, aged twenty five years, her next door neighbor, whom she had refused to accept as a lover. As the young lady and Knox were passing Stanyard's gate, at which he stood, he fired six shots, the second or third shot taking effect entering her head an inch above the right ear and going through the brain. A bullet grazed Knox's head, the powder burning his face and one ball cut a finger. The girl was taken to her father's house, where she died in a few minutes. Stanyard is said to be slightly crazy. He has not been arrested. He was arrested a few days ago for shooting within the city limits, but was fined and discharged.

A Social Sensation

RUTLAND, Vt., March 25.—Miss Sade, who eloped from Newark, N. J., with Dr. Jones, causing a great scandal in that city, was arrested here last night by a Newark detective. Jones has been living with her as his wife at the Brook house. Miss Sade is charged with taking with her a sealskin sacque, jewelry and clothing belonging to her fellow boarders in Newark, also $100 borrowed money from a Newark lawyer, which she paid for the doctor. The doctor is a cancer specialist, displays his picture in his advertisements. He has done a good business here, and will probably remain. He seems indifferent as to the fate of his companion.

Sir John MacDonald to Be Promoted

MONTREAL, March 25.—A sensation has been caused by the receipt of a cablegram from London announcing that Sir John A. MacDonald, premier of Canada, is to resign and go to England as Canadian high commissioner, and that he will then be elevated to the peerage and return governor general to succeed Lord Lansdowne. The report is generally believed here. A letter is published to-day from Edward Blake resigning the leadership of the Liberal party in the Dominion.

Railroad Meeting Postponed

TOLEDO, O., March 25.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Toledo, Columbus & Southern railroad it was attempted to vote [illegible] shares of new stock. Two factions claim the ownership of the road and Judge Pugh granted an injunction to the party not in control restraining the stockholders from carrying out their intentions. The writ was served by Sheriff Wade, who was compelled to force his way into the office. The meeting was finally postponed sixty days.

Will Work Independent

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 25.—At a meeting of the Master Painters association yesterday afternoon it was decided to work independent of the Knights of Labor and refuse to sign any scale of wages this year. They will treat their employes just as fairly, however, as though the scale were required, and will continue to pay the old wages of $3 per day. About 10 per cent. of the painters are union men. No serious trouble is anticipated.

Sale of the Stewart Paintings

NEW YORK, March 25.—The sale of the Stewart paintings was continued at Chickering hall. Sixty-nine lots were sold, realizing [illegible], making a total of $270,[illegible] for the two nights' sale. The highest prices were for the "Disputed Boundary," by Erskine Nicol, $15,[illegible]; "Environs of Fontainebleau," by [illegible] Auguste Bonheur, $17,800; "The New Born Lamb," by Benjamin, $5,700, and "A Visit to the Baby," by Munkacsy, $8,700.

Burned Tramps Alive

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—The steamer Pelgic, from China and Japan, which arrived to-day, brings information of the cremating of nearly three hundred tramps at Hsin Shih, China. A band of about three hundred tramps had just made their appearance at the town, and the inhabitants inveigled the entire band into a large building and set fire to it. All but forty perished.

School House Floor Gives Away

UTICA, N. Y., March 25.—At a Methodist Episcopal donation party held in a school house at Stello, the floor gave way and ten or fifteen persons were severely injured by being burned and scalded, and sustaining fractures of the limbs. None of the injured persons have died thus far.

Confessed to the Crime

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Marie Mattis, the nineteen year old girl arrested on suspicion of being the mother of the dead babe found in the cellar of [illegible] house, confessed to-day that it was her child and that she had thrown it in the [illegible] to conceal her shame. She was locked up.

Abolishing the Registry Tax

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 25.—In the house of representatives to-day the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution abolishing the registry tax [illegible] qualification was unanimously passed.

BIG BROOKLYN FAILURE.

AN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS CONCERN VANISHES

The Liabilities Will Reach $200,000 With Scarcely Any Assets—The President Skips Out to Canada—The Emerson-Fisher Company Saves Itself

NEW YORK, March 25.—The firm of Edmiston & Waddell company, of Brooklyn, manufacturers of agricultural implements, has failed with liabilities at $200,000 and no assets to speak of. The president of the company, John H. Edmiston, has skipped to Canada and the other officers cannot be found. Everything has vanished. The walls, the ceiling and the floor only remain at the office of the company in Brooklyn. The stock has been gobbled by the largest creditor, whose agent was shrewd enough to secure everything possible from the wreck. The books are out of sight. The business of the company is largely held by four New York banks and held very cheap. The creditors—poor fellows—find the [illegible] badly, very badly.

The story of the failure of the Edmiston & Waddell company is the old one with a few variations. There were the two partners whose names appear in the firm name and the father-in-law of Mr. Edmiston, who acted as head bookkeeper, had some stock, was a trustee and put his name to notes. For these privileges he has paid his fortune, $40,000, and returned to Roswell [illegible]. The partners were energetic, handled all the goods they could get out of the manufacturers, were visionary perhaps and saw things. They sold to the small country dealers and directly to the farmers. They gave long time and took notes in payment. The firm would pay for goods in notes and discount them at the banks, putting up other paper as collateral. Collections were slow, they got pinched again and again and some charged that they were driven to make false statements of liabilities and assets to get further credit. About three months ago they were tightly cramped. They stated their case to their creditors and were given an extension of time.

The Emerson & Fisher company, of Cincinnati, O., manufacturers of carriages, etc., has a bill of about [illegible],000 against the firm. President Edmiston offered to show them the books and stock and said that if that was not satisfactory to assume the business themselves and run it as their agent till the debt was paid. The Cincinnati company sent on Mr. Richie three weeks ago to take care of the matter. He is a shrewd, sharp business man, and saw at once that only the shell of the business remained. He had some telling interviews, got the stock in trade transferred to his company and proceeded to save wreckage. He sold what he could, shipped other stock to Cincinnati and pretty much canceled the indebtedness.

The two partners, Messrs. Edmiston and Waddell, had a month before begun to clear the decks. They had broken up their homes where they had lived in a modest little way, not extravagantly, and sent their families away. Now anticipating something would drop with force they also went away and have simply vanished.

The American Exchange bank and the Bank of Commerce hold a good deal of the paper on which they hope to realize something and other banks have some also. Their losses will be hardly less than $10,000 or [illegible] apiece.

Death of Mrs. Nat Goodwin

NEW YORK, March 25.—Eliza Weathersby Goodwin is dead. At 9:15 o'clock last night she expired in the presence of her husband, the comedian Nat C. Goodwin, Jr., at their residence at the Rutland flats, Fifty-seventh street and Broadway. There was no performance at the Bijou theater last night. A fair sized audience waited until [illegible] o'clock and were then dismissed with the announcement that Mr. Goodwin was detained at the deathbed of his wife. An attempt had previously been made to substitute "The Mascot" for the regular performance and Young Frank David was on hand to play Lorenzo, but other important characters could not be filled and the theater had to be closed. Mrs. Goodwin had been in failing health for several years. Dr. Sims performed an ovarian operation at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, assisted by Drs. Robertson and Trent. The operation occupied two hours and the patient was unable to recover from the effects and died without regaining consciousness.

Will Move for a New Trial

NEW YORK, March 25.—There is no probability that District Attorney Martine will move for a second trial for Alderman Cleary for several weeks to come. Both the district attorney and his assistants are completely worn out. Mr. Nicoll is confined to his bed to-day with nervous prostration. The district attorney informed a United Press reporter to-day that he had not yet determined what course to pursue regarding Cleary. "The result of the trial is a complete surprise," he said. "Our case was certainly as strong against him as against any of the convicted boodlers. I shall probably move for a new trial of the case to-morrow, although I have by no means concluded to abandon it."

Virginia's Debt

RICHMOND, Va., March 25.—Governor Lee to-day received a [illegible] from the chairman of the council of foreign bondholders stating the commissioner would be sent to Virginia to confer with representatives of the state with a view to reaching a settlement of the debt, provided assurance is given by act of the legislature that the holders of any agreement which may be reached shall [illegible] the government's [illegible] of the [illegible] to bondholders of the general assembly.

Arthur Memorial Exercises

ALBANY, N. Y., March 25.—Memorial exercises in honor of the late President Arthur will take place in the assembly chamber on the evening of April 20. [illegible] of Philadelphia and Chauncey M. Depew will deliver [illegible].

Advance in Commutation Rates

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—On and after April 1 an advance of [illegible] per cent. [illegible] by the Pennsylvania [illegible] in the rates for quarterly commutation tickets.

BRIEF MENTION

News of the Day Compressed for the Hasty Reader

Phil Lee, Mis. Daly and Bob Miles were the winners of Thursday's race at New Orleans.

A new schedule of reduced freight rates on roads from Pittsburg west has been arranged upon.

The liabilities of Ja[illegible] and John Hunter, of Philadelphia, so far discovered, amount to $191,000.

In a [illegible] weeks' rat hunt near Bowersville, Greene county, Ohio, 10,813 rats and mice were killed.

Memorial services to the late President Arthur will be held in the assembly chamber at Albany, N. Y., April 20.

Alexander Dixon, postmaster of Fallsville, Newton county, Arkansas, has been arrested for rifling registered packages.

Governor Beaver of Pennsylvania has appointed sixty-one special policemen for the Cambria Iron company of Johnstown.

Five ruffians waylaid and outraged a twelve year old girl near Guttenberg, Hudson county, N. J. The child died from her injuries.

A compilation of veto messages shows that Cleveland has thus far [illegible] vetoes. The total for all the presidents of the United States except Cleveland is 13[illegible].

William Dalrimton, a brakeman, was blown from the top of a box car by the wind near New Madison, Ind. He fell between the cars and was killed.

A train on the Norfolk & Western railroad went through Big Otter river bridge, twenty miles from Lynchburg. It is said that eight persons are killed.

Thursday's wind storm destroyed a brick dwelling in Bellevue, Ky., demolished B. Gray's [illegible] at Jackson, O., and unroofed a number of buildings at Gallipolis, O.

Gen. Cowen, special master of the McArthur will case, has about completed the work of selling off the lands covered by the decree entered last summer in the McArthur will case.

Eugene Higgins, appointment clerk in the treasury department, who has been largely [illegible] intends to retire from the service of the United States to be warden of the county jail at Baltimore.

Foreign holders of Virginia bonds after holding a council in London have cabled Governor Lee that they will appoint commissioners to go to Virginia to confer with representatives of the state.

A suit of the receiver of the First National bank of Buffalo against the directors of the bank in which the receiver sought to establish the liability of the directors for the bank's debt has been dismissed by United States Judge Wheeler.

Ex-Deputy United States Marshal William Bates, a well known character of Whitley county, Kentucky, shot and killed a man named Cheney in a quarrel over cards at Stateline, Ky. Bates is thirty years old, and has killed at least six men.

Four hangings will occur Friday, March [illegible]: Jack Tukes for murder at Beatrice, Neb.; Amos Johnson, negro rapist, at Marion, Ark.; Thomas J. Harding, stage robber, at Dillon, Mont.; [illegible] Shellenberger for the murder of his eleven year old daughter Maggie, at Nebraska City.

The Cincinnati Democratic convention was held at Erie's Hall Thursday and the following ticket nominated: Mayor, [illegible]; [illegible] Matson, judge of the superior court; J. B. Saylor, treasurer; Val Nicholas, solicitor; Alfred J. Cohen, clerk of police court; William M. Day, prosecutor of police court; Edward Schwab, judge of police court; James W. Fitzgerald, infirmary directors, long term; James [illegible].

Ex-Senator Lapham Seriously Ill

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 25.—Ex-United States Senator Lapham is seriously ill.

Railroad Collision

[illegible], Md., March 25.—A passenger train on the Baltimore & Philadelphia railway collided with a freight at [illegible] from this morning. Both trains were badly wrecked and the locomotives entirely telescoped. On the passenger train were two car loads of emigrants but no one outside of the crews of the locomotives was injured. Con. Gaughan, fireman of the east bound train, was fatally, and Engineer George Patnett and Fireman George Armstrong were severely injured. The accident is attributed to the engineer of the east bound train being late and trying to reach Singerly, the usual place of passing.

Not Lost at Sea

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—It has been supposed that all on board the Ruthen, which was burned at sea while on her way from this port to Tahiti, had perished, but a cablegram received to-day [illegible] Auckland, New Zealand, from [illegible] Johnson, who was [illegible] and the mention [illegible] of the vessel and cargo but says nothing of the fate of the [illegible] on board. The inference is drawn that they all escaped in the same way that he did, though no particulars were given.

Jury in the [illegible] Case

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, March 25.—Much to the surprise of everyone a jury was obtained in the [illegible] case yesterday. The following is the list: J. M. O'Connor, Tom Carly, John McIlla[illegible], C. C. Partick, Dennis Murphy, David [illegible], W. D. [illegible], Tom Frazier, J. D. O'Connell, E. Webster, C. H. [illegible]. The last named is the only resident of the city. Ten are farmers and one a country merchant. The afternoon was taken up by the opening statement of the counsel.

Bank Decision

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March [illegible].—Judge Wallace, in the United States circuit court to-day, in the case of the Central National [illegible] against the New York, Rutland & United Railway company decided that there is [illegible] Van [illegible] to the amount of [illegible] upon the property of [illegible] in the hands of [illegible] was [illegible].

Postmaster and Son Arrested

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., March 25.—Alexander Dixon, postmaster at Fallsville, Newton county, [illegible] and his son [illegible] Dixon [illegible] with [illegible] registered [illegible] were lodged in the United States jail.

TALK WITH RAILROAD MEN

A NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS ABOUT THE NEW LAW

Railroad Companies Satisfied With the Appointed Commissioners and the Provisions of the Law—The Various Views Expressed About the Men

NEW YORK, March 24.—A reporter of the United Press visited several of the leading railroad men of this city to-day, and obtained their views in regard to the interstate commerce commission appointed by President Cleveland. Mr. Jay Gould said: "I only know Judge Cooley and Mr. Schoonmaker of those who have been appointed. The former I regard as eminently fitted in every way for the position. He is an admirable jurist and not without a thorough understanding of our railroad systems. His selection is an excellent one. Mr. Schoonmaker is also a good choice. Morrison, I believe, is an honest man and will doubtless do his duty."

"Do you object to the appointment of so many lawyers?" asked the reporter.

"Certainly not. I have perused that bill about a dozen times, and have not yet been able to grasp its meaning. Lawyers are just the men for the place. They will be able to get at the meaning of the law and will see that it is justly enforced. I think on the whole the president has done as well as he could for us under the circumstances, and I am sure the railroad companies will be content. As for myself I am perfectly satisfied."

Chauncey M. Depew, president of the Vanderbilt roads, said: "I consider the president's choice admirable. Judge Cooley I know as a capable, energetic man, eminently well fitted to justly administer the interstate commerce law. His connection with the Wabash road has also given him a practical [illegible] of the management of railroads. Morrison is well chosen too. He represents the element which demanded the passage of the bill and which thinks that all railroads are bad and should be wiped out or stopped. At the same time he is a just man, and will, I believe, do all in his power to secure the proper administration of the new law. Schoonmaker, of our state, is well fitted for the [illegible]. His experience as attorney general will prove valuable to the commission, and the workings of railroads are by no means unknown to him. Of William Bragg, I have little personal knowledge, but from the character of the commissioners I do know I have every reason to believe that in each case the president has chosen well. On the whole I do not see how Mr. Cleveland could have made better selections. He was hampered by the fact that nearly all the leading railroad men are already employed. The growth of men capable of controlling great corporations has not been commensurate with the development of our great railway system, and good men are hard to find. I don't object to having lawyers on the commission. They are needed to explain the law and see that it is properly and fairly administered. I know that the president tried to get some practical recognized authority on railroad matters."

President Clark, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford road, said: "I don't know any of the men personally, but I understand that they are well chosen. I confess that I hoped for the appointment of at least one practical railroad man."

President Sloan of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway company, said: "I am very well pleased at the president's choice. I believe all are good men. The lawyers are needed to enforce such an act as the interstate commerce law. Most of the commissioners, too, have a pretty good idea of what the railroads need. I am sure that they will work in harmony with us. We will have perfect confidence in them."

President Little, of the Jersey Central, was equally pleased. "I don't think Mr. Cleveland could have done better," he said. "The legal character of the commissioners is no objection, and I think the majority of the members at least know enough about railways to fairly administer the law."

C. H. Tweed, general counsel for the Huntington railway, the Chesapeake & Ohio system and the Southern Pacific railway, said: "So far as the appointments are concerned they are very good. As to the law itself I would like to find some one who knows how it is going to operate. That is a mystery which may take perhaps ten years to solve."

At the general freight office of the Pennsylvania Railway company the officer in charge said to the reporter: "The announcement of the names composing the commission was received by both railroads and merchants with marked symptoms of relief from what has been a state of nervous apprehension as to the personnel of the commission to administer the interstate law. It is a great relief to know that the solution of these problems will be in the hands of men fully competent to cope with every phase of railroading."

President Cable, of the Rock Island railway, says the commission is a good one. It is understood that Judge Cooly expressed to Mr. Cable the opinion that there is nothing in the interstate law which prohibits connecting roads through the various states from allowing [illegible] tariffs so long as there is no violation of the clause prohibiting greater charges for short than long hauls. Pool Commissioner Fink also indorses Judge Cooley, and says that the trunk line pool will continue until the new law, and that there is no reason why the Western association should not [illegible], as it will be easy enough to [illegible] all the old methods which were antagonistic to the law.

Carter Harrison Renominated

CHICAGO, March 24.—Carter H. Harrison was renominated for mayor by acclamation in the Democratic municipal convention held yesterday afternoon, but positively declined to run. At the conclusion of his speech, however, the nominee was followed from the hall by a crowd of his friends and after a conference returned and said that he had reconsidered his action and would accept the nomination.

Stay of Hanging Refused

BUTTE, Mont., March 24.—The United States supreme court refuses a stay of proceedings in the case of Thomas J. Harding, the stage robber and murderer, who will be hanged at Dillon Friday.

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ANOTHER case of might against right, which is creating a great amount of indignation, is that of the Northern Pacific Railroad vs Guilford Miller who took up a piece of land under the Homestead law, in 1884, outside of the limits of the Northern Pacific land grant and fifty miles from the line of the road The farm seems to have been a desirable one, and the Northern Pacific made a grab for it, in which Attorney General Garland was appealed to and on Saturday that official gave an opinion to the effect that the big corporation must have the land and the poor farmer "must go" It is ever thus the poor settler seems to have no rights to be respected when such rights interfere with the will of this corporation The New York Herald directs the attention of President Cleveland to this injustice in an editorial, wherein it quotes a pledge in the Democratic platform of 1884, promising "the strict enforcement of individual rights against corporate abuses" The *Herald recommends* the President to clear out this vile nest which has become a department of injustice and put in men who will keep sacred the promises of the Democratic platform

THE Pavey amendment to the Dow law, which has passed both Houses of the Legislature is commonly spoken of as the same in effect as the Brown amendment which was not adopted There is, however, a slight difference The Brown amendment forbad all gallon sales in municipalities adopting prohibition The Pavey amendment, on the contrary, permits gallon sales at the manufactory In prohibitory municipalities where there is no manufactory the operation of the two amendments would be identical but where a manufactory now exists or may hereafter exist, the operation of the two amendments would be very different and there the Pavey amendment will be found to be almost worthless It is not probable however that any municipality now containing a brewery will prohibit on any plan, and even if such be the case parties who will buy at wholesale might as well purchase at one place as another Country breweries are generally beyond corporate limits anyhow and the friends of the Dow law are very much pleased with the amendment that makes it what was really intended at the outset

THE Czar is a much frightened monarch, and has been a very foolish one The news shows that the plots that surrounded his coming to the throne have now been renewed in all their fury Had he been wise enough a year or two ago to give Russia a constitution he *might instead of being a* terror stricken *self made* prisoner escorted from palace to palace by an army of guards and detectives, now be hailed as the greatest benefactor of his people Under constitutional government he would sacrifice no power really worth his possessing In clinging to absolutism the Czar makes it probable that when Russia revolts she will make the clear plunge from despotism to democracy

THE Sixty-seventh General Assembly of Ohio adjourned Monday sine die The members of both branches were in the good humor expected at a final adjournment, and were apparently greatly pleased with themselves and everything in general There can be no doubt but the Sixty seventh has done some good work, and its efforts to meet the wants of and please its constituency when for the general good of the commonwealth, have been decisive The total mass of bills and resolutions offered at the present session reached [illegible] of these 40 Senate bills and 8 House bills have become laws and 69 of the joint resolutions were adopted

THE Arnett temperance instruction bill failed to become a law by a majority of but one vote in the Senate after it had passed the House The defeat while it may disappoint its friends is by no means a cause for discouragement There is little doubt that if certain technicalities had been slightly modified it would have become a law The principle is good and must command respect from all well thinking people It was merely a question of detail which deferred the time when the essential point shall become a law, and this should not again be allowed to be overshadowed by matters of secondary importance

NEW JERSEY has voted down high license by the adoption of a bill in the lower house of the Legislature making the maximum license in villages $100 and $200 in cities Having virtually [illegible] free rein to [illegible] the [illegible] power [illegible] States Senator [illegible] ought to [illegible] shame [illegible]

THE investigation by the railroad commissioners into the causes of the [illegible] Roslindale disaster is still progressing the testimony [illegible] had been condemned as unsafe by the [illegible] Engineer Power [illegible] of his warnings it seems strange that trains were allowed to run over the bridge at the rate of speed they did

IT will be of vast interest to a great many persons to observe that the law defining the rights and liabilities of husband and wife, in Ohio, is greatly different from what it was a week ago The record amended House bill No 31, has become part of the Revised Statutes The changes are far reaching and were advocated on the ground that modern thought favors the equalization of property rights between husband and wife The changes may be grouped under three heads

1 Hereafter a married woman may contract generally, mortgage, lease or convey her property to the same extent and in the same manner as a married man may his property

2 The husband will have the same interest in the property of the wife which the wife formerly had and which she will continue to have in the property of her husband

3 Neither the husband nor the wife, as such, will be liable for the contracts or torts of the other

Following are some of the changes which are the more marked of those made

Neither husband nor wife has any interest in the property of the other except as provided by statute

The estate by the curtesy is abolished, but nothing in the act affects vested rights

The husband must support himself his wife and his minor children out of his property or by his labor If he is unable to do so, the wife must assist him so far as able

PROHIBITIONISTS have "pointed with pride" to Maine as a state where prohibition prohibits, but it is an interesting fact that while a prohibitory law exists there the United States government derives a share of its revenue from the liquor dealers of the state The argus eyed Maine legislators have noticed this fact and the liquor law just passed in Maine makes the payment of a United States tax prima facie evidence of the illegal sale of liquors for the reason that a druggist is not required to pay that tax for using liquors in compounding bona fide medicines The new law makes the penalty in the first conviction for a violation of the act thirty days imprisonment, as well as a fine and prohibits the sale of cider for tippling purposes

MAYOR CARTER HARRISON, of Chicago, does not want another term He says the office is laborious and that he anticipates stormy times in the next two years in connection with the Anarchist population of that cosmopolitan city "If I should be elected Mayor again," he says, "I should feel that I would not dare be away from the city where a half day's ride would not bring me home" This seems at this distance to be a very pessimistic view of the future of Chicago but Mayor Harrison has unusual opportunities of knowing his theme He may be right

THE talk about Don Cameron's becoming a candidate for the Presidency seems to mean that the old Stalwarts, though now without a leader and without any sort of organization, have not forgotten that it was Blaine who defeated them in 1880, and have determined to have revenge in 1888 It does not appear likely that there is serious thought of nominating Cameron The indications are simply that Cameron is to be placed at the head of a movement hostile to Blaine and consequently favorable to Sherman or the field

JUDGE WHITE at Springfield has decided that notes given for Bohemian oats are valid in the hands of third parties This decision was what was to be expected unless the whole business of buying and selling commercial paper were to be seriously impeded to the detriment of commerce and trade The moral of the decision for our agricultural friends is, keep out of the Bohemian oats business altogether —State Journal

THE President after a great deal of difficulty has succeeded in selecting an Inter State Commerce Commission The new body is made up politically of three democrats one mugwump and one republican

The Grammar was Bad

A young lady was sitting with her lover in a charmingly decorated recess On her knee was a diminutive niece In an adjoining room with the door open were the rest of the company Says the little niece, in a jealous and very audible voice "Auntie, kiss me too" I leave you to imagine what had happened "You should say 'twice,' Ethel 'two' is not grammar" was the immediate rejoinder Clever girl —Critic

An Odd Character

New York city has an odd character who delights in fooling people by posing as a wax figure He is over 40 years old dresses well and is often taken for a wax figure as he sits with an umbrella or cane across his lap and a programme in front of him The superintendent of the museum thinks of putting him in the catalogue —Chicago Times

Gelatine Capsules

The Southern Practitioner says that the gelatine capsules so much used in the administration of unpleasant medicines are insoluble in alcohol For this reason it is useless to give medicine in this form to inebriates or for some days after the use of spirits

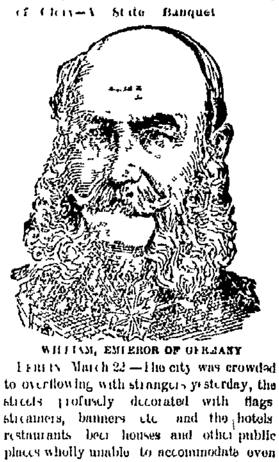
Enough to Distort Them

In Germany the public statues are covered up in winter, during the winter Exchange If they are covered than I wrapped [illegible] But is not the practice detrimental to the statues? The stretching process [illegible] is enough to distort even features of marble —New Haven News

THE EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY

GERMANY'S RULER ENTERS UPON HIS NINETY-FIRST YEAR

All the Empire Rejoicing and Celebrating the Important Event—Berlin in a Blaze of Glory—A State Banquet



WILLIAM, EMPEROR OF GERMANY

BERLIN, March 22 —The city was crowded to overflowing with strangers yesterday, the streets profusely decorated with flags streamers, banners etc and the hotels restaurants beer houses and other public places wholly unable to accommodate even half the number of people who sought entertainment All day long, the police had been surrounded by crowds so vast that it seemed as though all Germany had come to the capitol to rejoice that the emperor had entered upon the ninety first year of his age

The people surrounding the imperial palace as well as those who thronged the streets would now and again chorus the National anthem or some German song of rejoicing at the conclusion of which as if by preconcert they would break into a hearty cheer loud and long enough to rattle the windows of the houses near by Flags and flowers were everywhere seen, and the enthusiasm shown upon this occasion surpasses that of the emperor's last anniversary or any other season of rejoicing in the history of the empire

At the conclusion of the state banquet vast crowds of people thronged the streets and the environs of the palace watching the departure of the guests as they had also watched their arrival The students marched five abreast each with a sword in one hand and a torch in the other Some of them were on horseback and their evolutions in front of the palace, where they were reviewed by the emperor and his guests from the windows with their flitting torches and numerous bands of music playing national airs made a grand scenic display

The royal personages present representing foreign monarchs were enthusiastically cheered by the people and especial attention in this respect was paid to the Prince of Wales, the Arch Duke Rudolph of Austria and the Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia

The emperor gave a state dinner to the visiting royalties in the evening, previous to which a torchlight procession composed mainly of students of whom there were thousands in line, marched by the palace and were reviewed by the emperor and empress The emperor looked well and as he stood erect, occasionally bowing in acknowledgement of the cheers of the passers by he was several times hailed from the ranks as the guardian of the peace of the world

The homage of the multitude completely overcame the emperor, and he was several times compelled to withdraw from the window to conceal his emotion The students sang hymns anthems and old songs of the fatherland as they passed, and these were taken up by the crowd in a grand chorus never equaled in volume in the German capital Prince Bismarck and Gen Von Moltke were also the recipients of an ovation at the hands of the students and the multitude, and were much moved by the expressions of veneration showered upon them The Prince of Wales was the first one of the royal visitors to visit the emperor and empress The Chinese envoy informed the emperor that a number of valuable presents had been sent to him by the emperor of China but had not yet arrived The King of Portugal sent the emperor a magnificent sword

The National Zeitung speaking of the anniversary says it cannot but regard the signs of peace which come from all sides as testifying that the occasion must and will be accepted as an European peace festival

Rumors are flying thick and fast of important appointments and promotions in honor of the emperor's birthday Among them are the statements that the Grand Duke of Baden is to be made King of Baden and that Prince Bismarck is to be created Duke of Lauenburg

Wants to Be Relieved

WASHINGTON, March 19 —A postmaster in Michigan [illegible] *to be relieved from the* duties of his office has addressed Postmaster General Vilas as follows "When does my term expire? It can't be that I am *doomed* to live unless I find a Pythias to take *my* place Twice have I resigned, but the fell knight as well try to shake off his fetters, as [illegible] contempt his [illegible] the fate of my epistles Oh please good Mister Postmaster General let me go and I promise never to [illegible] I will never sign another petition to start a postoffice on cross roads if my name [illegible] its master Besides I am an [illegible] partisan and really should be fired for I made campaign speeches and am liable to do so again I shall watch the incoming mails with an eager eye hoping against hope that my pardon may come and set me free

Postmaster"

Brigham Young's Sunflowers

The traveler on the overland train may trace the path over which Brigham Young and his lieutenants led the hosts of infatuated fanatics for it is marked by lines of golden sunflowers which in the summer months glorify the monotonous landscape with their splendid color The seeds of this flower were sown by those that went first for the benefit of those who should follow Lack of fuel is one of the greatest hardships that meets the emigrant in crossing the plains, for nothing grows upon the desolate alkali without irrigation Brigham Young discovered however that the sunflower would thrive in a soil which produced nothing spontaneously and as it grows here to a great height, the dried stalks have proved a blessing to the occupants of many an emigrant wagon, whether Mormon or Gentile —Cor Boston Transcript

Grief and Business

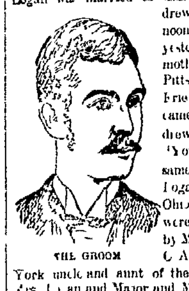
There is a story of a Chicago man who lost his brother by death and called on an undertaker He asked the undertaker how much it would cost to keep the body on ice until the funeral and being told the price said

"I suppose you will give me a discount My brother had his feet frozen before he died. He was caught out in a blizzard"

The undertaker gave the bereaved, mourning brother 25 per cent. off on account of the feet —[illegible] Sun

A BRILLIANT WEDDING

John A Logan and Miss Edith H Andrews Married at Youngstown Ohio



THE GROOM

YOUNGSTOWN, O, March 22 —John A Logan was married to Miss Edith H Andrews today at noon He arrived yesterday with his mother via the Pittsburg & Lake Erie road They came in C H Andrews private car "Youngstown" the same used by Gen Logan in his tour of Ohio in 1884 and were accompanied by Mr and Mrs W C Andrews of New York uncle and aunt of the bride Dr and Mrs Logan and Major and Mrs Tucker and little son of Washington They are the guests of Mr Andrews

Florist Elliott of Pittsburg and four or five assistants arrived with a carload of flowers which were used in decorating the rooms three of which, the parlor main hall and library, were thrown open having a floral vista of seventy five feet made to appear interminable by mirror reflections Mr Elliott says the Andrews floral order was the largest and most costly ever contracted for in Pittsburg He walked down into the basement of the Andrews house and pointed out roses six inches in diameter and almost worth their weight in gold Some of the flowers were imported There was a wire arch ten feet high which was covered and twined with roses and in front of which the couple were married

THE BRIDE

Guests were in attendance from Philadelphia New York Pittsburg, Chicago, Cleveland and other cities The ceremony was witnessed by about 100 people The bride's father Chauncey H Andrews is a stockholder in the Standard Oil company, and has been identified with it ever since its organization He has very large coal and iron interests is connected with two or three local banks is president of the Pittsburg, Cleveland & Toledo railroad president of the Mahoning Gas Fuel company and with his brother W C Andrews of New York has an interest in the steam heating company in New York city He is a stockholder in the Hocking Valley railroad

Mr Andrews gift was a valuable house and lot in a central part of the town He was a pallbearer at the funeral of Gen Logan and the bride elect was among the mourners

A large crate of cut glass consisting of decanters mugs, vases and ornaments came from Chicago from Mrs John A Logan to her son and daughter in law

An artist for an eastern paper today made a sketch of the house and there is as much uproar as though a king was to be crowned

The Beggars of Constantinople

Generally the eye first rests upon one of the numerous beggars who are always at hand muttering their words of praise to the donor of a penny or their curses to the unheeding passenger The majority are blind or pretend to be so and each one has his preferred spot where he sits in his rags, perfectly oblivious to all but his own wants Others are hideously maimed, and the offensive part is always held up to view in the hope of exciting pity These are mostly men The women and children have the beaten track, over which they follow people and implore alms They seem to go no further, and often by the emphatic repetition of "haddy git" we rid ourselves of them sooner We seldom see them rewarded, except by Turkish subjects, and it is said that they give freely, as the Koran requires it of them They are particularly generous on all days of special religious observance At such times these beggars congregate in the most attractive places and doubtless make large sums —Constantinople Cor San Francisco Chronicle

How Ned Buntline Lived

His time was pretty equally divided—"all summer in the field all winter in the study" In a letter to the writer he once remarked that he had no love for the cities, but was happiest in the camp with the music of birds and breeze and rustling branches and flowing waters around him His hunting experiences embrace all kinds of game, and his rambles with gun and rod extended to every quarter of the United States He preferred buffalo elk and antelope hunting to all other field sports and in angling cared for only salmon and trout fishing His library, sanctum and armory he remarked were one Gun cases sabres, fly rods pistols etc could be seen in every corner and around his bookcases were many relics of the field and stream The picturesque retreat of the novelist and sportsman is carefully kept in order by loving hands and the casual visitor at the Eagle's Nest may behold it in much the same condition as when the gifted Ned Buntline lived —Will Wildwood in Turf Field and Farm

Rival Lines in Japan

We hear a great deal about rival telegraph lines and the expedients to which different companies resort to cripple one another such as cutting rates etc but according to a writer in Good Cheer the spiders of Japan resent the competition of telegraph thread spinners in an original and effective manner Spiders are one of the great obstacles to telegraphers in Japan Lining the trees along the line these insects spin their webs between the earth the wires the post the insulators and the trees When these webs become wet with dew they constitute a good conductor and the lines are found to be in connection with the earth The only method of obviating this inconvenience is by employing brooms of bamboo to brush away the webs But as the spiders are more active than the workmen employed in this work the difficulty is not the less serious —Swiss Cross

A Voice from the West

Uncle Seth (from Chicago who has been asked to meet Lord and Lady Higgeriggs)—It's just like your little island to swell up over the fish question because you know you can get at those down east sea ports But if you want to get the prairie swept up with yer, come out west Lord and try ter bluff us on th' beef question —Tid Bits

Mark Twain's Million

Mark Twain is said to have $1,000 000 safely invested in such a way that he can't be taxed a red cent on it, and his wife can't marry again if he dies and enjoy a dollar of it He isn't funny any more He doesn't have to be —Detroit Free Press

THE SUMAC INDUSTRY.

ACCOUNT OF A CORRESPONDENT FROM THE ISLAND OF SICILY

Methods of Cultivation in the Great Sumac Districts—Gathering the Crop of Leaves—On the Threshing Floor Virginia's Product

Sicilian sumac stands first in all the markets of the world This is due to the great care bestowed upon its gathering and curing The sumac is a native of Africa and Syria For centuries it has been grown in Sicily but it is not indigenous to that island where its seed seldom comes to perfection and it is propagated by sprouts and suckers In Africa the seed which is perfect is used as a condiment The sumac belongs to the genus Rhus—turpentine family There are many varieties of this shrub some of which are used in tanning, others in dyeing and others again in medicine The Rhus Coriaria (known here as the common sumac) is generally cultivated in Sicily Palermo and Trapani are the great sumac districts It is also grown in the province of Catania but is at present seldom to be met with in the province of Messina It grows wild in certain sections where it propagates by suckers The cultivated sumac is very bushy Under favorable conditions of soil and climate it grows from nine to twelve feet high but as it is annually topped it does *not attain a height greater than* three feet—one year's growth of wood It thrives where the orange tree and cotton plant have their home It is also well adapted to a temperate climate A warm, calcareo silicious porous soil suits it best

METHODS OF CULTIVATION

The sumac is worked in December or January The suckers are then removed from the old plants and set out in the grove When the leaves sell for 1 1 2 cents per pound suckers bring 1 cent apiece Suckers should be straight one half inches in diameter fifteen inches high and well supplied with fibrous roots They are set out in parallel rows running with the slope of the land—5 000 to the acre and trimmed down to within six inches of the ground They are cultivated by hand a long broad grubbing hoe (zappa) being used The earth is drawn up to the plants that the rain may run off During the first year—from December to September—the sumac is worked seven times In December February and April, deep grubbings, in May the earth is leveled and three light workings follow between June and September During the second and subsequent years it is worked in December and the earth is leveled in March heavy rains seldom occurring in Sicily during the spring The third and last working is in May At three years the sumac is full grown Innumerable suckers must then be removed or they will enfeeble the plant

The first year the sumac bears but few leaves which mature late, are light and have neither the color nor the aroma of those of the adult shrub During August and September the large leaves are gathered and the tender ones on the tips of the branches are left until they are mature in October In January the plants are cut down to a height of six inches Plants of two years and over are either topped and trimmed before their leaves are gathered (a considerable saving of labor but by topping the shrubs in midsummer their longevity and productiveness are diminished) or stripped of their leaves in May June August or September and pruned in December or January following Men only are employed for pruning As each man gathers an armful of branches or twigs he piles them on the ground in rows in such a manner as to expose as little surface as possible to the sun which bleaches and scorches the leaves diminishing their market value The rows are laid in the direction of the prevailing winds to avoid loss by the scattering of the leaves Should the branches and twigs be exposed to a shower while lying on the ground their leaves suffer greatly, both in quality and weight Twenty days after the main harvesting the suckers are in turn stripped of their leaves Women and children gather the leaves

ON THE THRESHING FLOOR

After a few days of dry warm weather the crop is carried to the threshing floor, and the leaves are whipped off with the old fashioned flail and baled The twigs are tied in bundles and sold for firewood When the leaves are stripped by hand they are at once carried to the stonehouse and turned over three or four times a day with pitchforks to prevent overheating and fermentation These leaves are thus cured in four or five days baled and sent to the mills to be ground

The price of sumac depends upon the color of the leaves which should be bright green when put upon the market Cured leaves from a one year old bush are of a dull green color those of the September gathering are blackish in hue Care is taken not to mix the different varieties Four qualities of sumac are quoted on the market First quality whole leave free from trash shipped in bales second quality threshed sumac third quality leaves from one year old shrubs fourth quality, leaves of September gathering

The sumac grows spontaneously in various sections of the United States on poor, rough and abandoned lands and hillsides It has never been subjected to cultivation though there appears no reason why it may not be In Virginia the price of the raw product as delivered to the mills varies with different seasons and conditions all the way from twenty five cents to seventy five cents per 100 pounds which is very much less than that Sicilian sumac brings in its home market The duty on ground sumac entering the United States is three tenths of one cent per pound —San Francisco Chronicle

Homicide by a Devout Boer

In the last number of The Tydschrift a Diary of a Boer in the Kafir commando is published We extract two consecutive entries Sunday Feb 23 No Kafirs in sight Held divine service Prayer meeting at night—a blessed time Monday, Feb 24 Saw Kafirs on the hills Commando went out and shot thirty four besides a number that got away wounded Thanksgiving service in the evening on return to camp Sang psalm 107 and went on sentry Shot two Kafirs —Pall Mall Gazette

Philadelphia's Building Societies

The 600 active building societies of Philadelphia are carrying mortgages on real estate to the amount of $50 000 000 These mortgages are being paid off in monthly sums ranging from $5 to $50 monthly Three fourths of these mortgages are on small houses worth from $800 to $3 000 and the occupants, instead of paying rent are paying off the mortgages and will eventually own their houses at a cost but little more than they would have paid for rent —New Orleans Times Democrat

OUR BABY

FIGURATIVELY DESCRIBED BY HIS LITTLE SISTER

Our baby is a 1der rare
He's awful cunning 2,
And well he's worth 3 pays the share
Of work 4 him I do

I hope he will sur 5, although
He's squeezed almost to death
It makes him 6 sometimes I know
And takes away his breath

Our home is 7 since there came
The angel from above
He's so affection 8, his name
Is Tootsey Wootsey Love

He makes our papa tick be 9
And te a 10der joy
I pray he never will incline
B A 0 boy

When he's awake his eyes are blue
I lift him when I can
He'll B 80 [illegible]
I lift up when he's a man
—H C Dodge in Goodall's Sun.

The Wrong Man's Deal

It is Mr Blumenthal's deal and Mr Cohen polishes his glasses hurriedly with a view to making a careful survey of the shuffle Mr Blumenthal's friend Mr Dinkelstein considers it an appropriate occasion for a remark

"Mister Cohen Dat ring you vear is a good chudch of diamond Vill you kindly look at dis chenuine blue vite seften carat —" "Oxgust me" replies Mr Cohen without removing his eyes from the pack "I gifs no attention to diamonds on Charley Blumenthal's deal I vas lookin for glubs" —New York Sun

The Unsatisfied Want

Soon the frost will have taken
Its grip from the earth
And the spring time will then
Bring flowers and mirth
No more on the paving
We'll drop with a thud
Instead we'll be raving—
Great Cæsar what mud
—Boston Budget

She Trusted the Lord

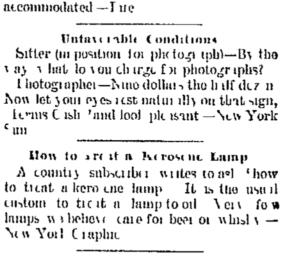
First Christian Lady —Ise gwine ter church to tank de Laud and I yaint no mo' enquiries Ain't yo gwine too my sister?

Second Lady —No, no my sister, I no gwine! Will you attend do brick church?

First Lady—Do brick church fo true, but don yo' trus de Laud?

Second Lady—I trus de Laud, aw my sister I trus um but I neber fool wid um —Life

A Colorable Case



The Widow (three years) Laramee—Atticus I—er—intend to lighten my mourning after Lent and I'm afraid your color is a little too dark for the—er—circumstances So if you know of—er—one of your race several shades lighter I think you could get a place with your dear Mrs Lightfoot who has just lost Mr L so we can all be nicely accommodated —Life

Unfavorable Conditions

Sitter (in position for photograph)—By the way what do you charge for photographs?

Photographer—Nine dollars the half dozen Now let your eyes rest naturally on that sign, 'Terms Cash' and look pleasant —New York Sun

How to Treat a Kerosene Lamp

A country subscriber writes to ask "how to treat a kerosene lamp" It is the usual custom to treat a lamp to oil Very few lamps we believe care for beer or whisky —New York Graphic

Their Ideas Were Identical

Mistress—Budget I don't think it is proper for you to entertain men in the kitchen

Budget—Yez be right mum but there was some one in the parlor already —Life

Fugitive Humor

A precocious youth prompted by an unpleasant recollection of the last term says that school teachers are hold doers They hol' out hand This carries off the palm —Texas Siftings

Mr Dusenberry (quite inebriated)—My dear, I couldn't go down that toboggan slide It would take my breath Mrs Dusenberry —It wouldn't be a bad thing if it did —Philadelphia Call

When a fire alarm is rung in Rome the firemen draw the engine to the fire while grooms lead the horses behind the engine No wonder Nero had plenty of time to fiddle —Watertown American

George Alfred Townsend admits that he 'doesn't know everything' Thus is shattered another popular belief Are all our deep set convictions nothing more than popular fallacies?—Chicago Times

A woman at Wolf Pit, N C who got angry with her husband threw a poker at him and hit the baby And this in a section where the women can practice at hens all winter!—Burlington (Vt) Free Press

The funeral of a New York alderman, the other day cost the city $1 048 25 But New York's experience with her aldermen has shown her that it is far cheaper to bury them even at that price than to keep 'em alive —Chicago Times

Dennis was the pride of his corps
He wore fine uniform worps
He could play at bezique
And with a finite cheque
At the canteen would run up a scorps
New York Journal

Talmage said in his lecture the other night that the man who can sing and won't sing should be sent to Sing Sing That would be too severe It is the man who can't sing and will sing who should be sent to Sing Sing for 99—for ninety nine years —Norristown Herald

"I belong to an Improved Order of Red Men and I'm going to paint this town a crimson hue before I get through you bet" remarked a hilarious individual to a blue coated guardian of the night in the vicinity of Boylston market the other day "All right" replied the man with the billy "I belong to the locus club you come along with me and I'll propose you for membership" After a little persuasion (?) the red man was escorted to the lodge in La Grange street.—Boston Budget.

J Pot.

Thomas Nichol who re nevertheless tells a story abo A coterie of his acqu poker players had a night se which closed in a contest ove taining son $350 They b game on Saturday and on watches discovered that it o clock on Sunday morning ers suggested by way of whoever won the jack p church that day and contribution box The win of a humorist He put the velope, marked it 'J Pot' contribution plate On M week later happening to p was astonished to find in a mon delivered by the pastor which a feeling allusion was that on the previous Sunday had made a generous donati 'I sincerely hope and tru man's language that if Mr the city and intends to rema make this his permanent r New York Tribune

Senator Sawyer Knows (

Senator Philetus Sawyer buyer when he gets to th chase pine lands to him does not know few summers ago he was county inspecting sounded the owner as to the ual an old man with gr kers hunted out a wool out of Sawyer for then at the stranger and

'You be old Sawyer bla been looking for you for th This land ain't for sale P wants is pine and I'll patch to hand down as a dren"

No trade was made and land in that region after, something that does often in Wisconsin until made his purchase —Chicag

A Savage Softe

Omaha Man (meeting a friend)—Well! Well! Wh from Africa?

Returned Evangelist—I you did and by the way I couraged by something I starting home

Eh! What was that?

'I saw the Zulu slayer of Imperial weeping and ness in killing the youth and to me that he could not be

Yes I told him that boy alive he could have got Omaha World

Ill Deserved

Omaha Husband—Well friend De Grand was a wond what do you think of him?

Omaha Wife—He's a fool

'Fool! Why he's one of scientists of the day

'He's a born idiot

How can you talk so?

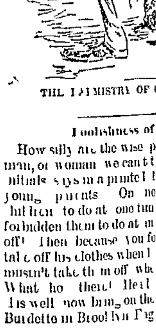
He thought this picture was a boy and she's most Omaha World

Dogmatic Ill

Layman—So you believe of the pope do you?

Churchman I think there doctrine that is commend that many of the utteran agree with my own —Lowe

A Memory of Chi



THE PALMISTRY OF

Foolishness of

How silly are the wise p man, or woman we can't nitials says in a painted young parents On no hildren to do at one tim forbidden them to do at an off? Then because you fo take off his clothes when mustn't take them off whe What ho there! Hear 'Tis well now bring on the Burdette in Brooklyn Eag

Like the

Oh Faith thy great
No mortal ever ca
We flock at Lu
The Europ

Come back a
In all our
One item March
Come back—a
—N

Life in the N

Dakotan—Husband hom

Mrs Burgess—No but I in a day or two Were thaw you know

Dakotan—Where is John

Mrs Burgess—Over in drift yonder I sent him weeks ago and that was Poor man! I shouldn't wo to get discouraged by this

Panic vs T

'Dad's kinder weak th wants something that wi panic said Johnny Gubb as he handed out the r bottle The druggist thoug unpaid account and after with the poorest brand of few drops of croton oil an a panic under his breast th like a jack knife —Danvill

Best in the

Little Dot—Mamma w baby like my doll?

Omaha Mamma—Why

'Did I go to sleep some sometime?'

'Yes'

"Guess you was glad wh had a baby what could own eyes" —Washington C

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... NEWS

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...Clu...den was the

...rep...ted seriously ... title

...of Nineveh, ... Marion

...Calcdo ... Mr Dr Frazer

...Mr Phil Schuler ... the sisters and

...contributed to the ... lodging over

...has returned from ... his ... visiting for

...of the C and A is ... the west end filling

...of Bucyrus were ... Wright on Belle

...Kaiser is back ... couple months at

...Harvey Hatfield ... Marion O to visit

...home from North ... week of vacation ... place

...Shover company ... hereafter ... soon

...Row has re... now hung on ... his place

...to be made until ... there are a good ... for that date

...William Riley ... cemetery vault and in ... cemetery Sunday

...more traveled ... watchman re ... railroad crossing

...at Prospect attend ... Mr Noble who was ... of the Prospect

...of the Public ... residence from east ... Walt property on south

...was held be- ... commissioners at their ... house ... Several ... were present

...is quite busy to ... the number of sales A ... are also disposed o ... at good prices

...sent out ... and re- ... repairs If the ... the number will be largely

...spent the entire week at ... impaneling a jury to try the ... Over eighty men ... the jury was satisfac-

...Findlay s boom we ... that rich ble person tells us ... who left here to go there ... is $10 000 better off than

...acknowledges that it ... who owns that he hopes ... and will not be constructed ... subscription will not

...and Saturday for two ... will convened on the 2d ... purpose of allowing Judge ... decisions on the motions

...on north Main street pre ... scene this morning the ... the animal beyond the ... slight bruises com...

...going to operate on ... May 1 whether the ... control of the C and A or not ... is much opposed to ... now is the ...

...Alderman is learning the ... to office with the view of ... Clara Diebold Miss ... will not permit the continu ... position imposes on her

...Harrison brings the word ... to have a gymnasium and ... Jim Larathous and Jack ... on the ... together there ... tussle but the letting is all

...wheat and clover have ... rather hard time of it the ... and some fields are badly ... We say apparently ... know what is in it until

...Bates of Columbus has ... the Young Men s ... the opening meeting Wed ... March 30 General Beatty is ... and is the Club ex... invitation he will doubtless ... audience

...died at Caledonia ... consumption For some years ... at Bucyrus and after ... at Chicago He was a ... man and has number ... of friends His re... to Bucyrus for burial

...is keeping up its weel ... ready to pass an ordi... the limits of the water ... The only busi... was an order ... to put ... of the stone for the ...

...Percy died at her home in ... consumption ... Her funeral occurred Sun... church after which ... in Marion ceme... in the employ of the Huber ... bereaved by the death ... early in life

—Dr Harding has been confined to his home for a week or more with an attack of illness

W F Glass of Prospect was in the city Tuesday on his way to his new home in Odee Kas

—L Kimable was at Urbana We ne... attending a conference of the ... of Central Ohio

—Miss Minnie Clegg has returned home from Wooster after nearly four months absence, spent in teaching painting

—Attorney W E Scofield is going to change his residence to Silver street and J D Gregory will occupy the dwelling thus vacated

—Every farmer wants to see the Champion Binder for 1887 To see it is to be convinced of its superiority over all others For sale by C B Kling & Co 08

—A great deal of job printing is wanted at the opening of spring Remember the STAR office executes all kinds of work in the best styles at the lowest possible prices

—Mr T J Davis manager of the Hardie Von Leer Combination is in the city looking after the interests of his company Mr Davis is one of the best and most popular of New York managers

—Zoe and Paul Codding were spending their vacation in Champaign county visiting their aunts Mrs Dr Dills of Urbana, and Mrs L R Howell of Addison They will returned Friday afternoon

—Hoberman & Company s drug store is very much improved at the hands of the paper hangers but considerable difficulty was experienced in keeping Harry Thompson and Ben Kent out of the paste

—J H B Beale has been confined to the house all week from the result of injuries he received at the N Y P and O depot by spraining himself It is rather odd to see that unusually hard working gentleman laid up

—The jail is empty It was supposed that Mrs Maloney the demented woman from Prospect was there but she was returned to her daughter s home soon after her arrival here because she is a non resident of Marion county

—J J Askren returned from Paulding O, Monday on his way to Cleveland He has concluded not to locate there but has invested in some real estate near Findlay on which he has promise of realizing a handsome profit

—The Stroble Manufacturing company has by no means been abandoned The work of erecting buildings is expected to begin in the early part of next month but the location and other details have not been determined upon

—The teachers in the Public schools whose homes are away from Marion have left to spend vacation week Miss Campbell going to Galion Miss Williamson to Kenton Miss Sutter to Bellevue and Miss Blair to Wilmington

—J D Sprague is organizing the Marion Malleable Iron company which will have a cash capital of $30 000 A considerable amount of subscriptions has been secured already and the projector of the new iron works has much encouragement

—The local agents of the railroads report an unusually heavy business just now attributing the rush to the new Inter State commerce law Its result on shipments are so uncertain that shippers are hurrying out goods on a basis that they understand

—Fourteen different styles of breaking plows all by the leading manufacturers of the country and selected with reference to the wants of Marion county soil Don t purchase until you examine our stock and get our prices C B Kling & Co

—*The Huber directors have talked of a boiler shop in West Marion* but at the last meeting the matter was postponed until after this season s work was completed which will be next November The extensive manufacture of boilers is contemplated in the future

—A lady friend of the STAR wants us to suggest to the commissioners that the addition to the infirmary be postponed a few years *until prohibition can carry then it won t be necessary* This would be on the plan of letting dinner go in the hope of being invited out

—There is every little while some talk of a street railroad and on Tuesday our very conservative Main street contemporary suggested the feasibility of such a thing The STAR spoke of that very project two years ago and the idea was laughed at yet it was just as feasible then as now

—W C Munson a large breeder of Holstein cattle at Miami Trumbull county O was at Prospect Friday looking through the Marion County Importing company's extensive stud of Percheron and English draft stallions with a view of making a purchase He expressed himself as greatly pleased with what he saw

—Mrs Elizabeth Olds died at her home on east George street Monday afternoon at two o clock aged 55 years Mrs Olds had enjoyed ordinary good health until Sunday when she was taken suddenly ill becoming unconscious from which state she never recovered Deceased has long been a resident of Marion and immediate vicinity The funeral occurred at 3 o clock Wednesday

—Those who have had some experience in condemnation work say that a land owner never misses anything by fighting what might be compromised Sheriff Beckley says that in the eight years that he has been connected with the sheriff s office he has never known but one man who made money by letting the matter go to court for adjudication and the cases where the land owner has lost are numbered by the scores

—Misses Hogan and Weist were doubtless the worst frightened young ladies in Marion Thursday night They returned to Miss Hogan s home on west Center street about 11 o clock and stepped to the well at the back door A suspicious noise was heard as they stepped out and Miss Weist inquired about it No sooner had she done so than a full fledged burglar ran by them and out into the street The young ladies were too badly frightened to sound an alarm and the fellow had no trouble in escaping Had they not spoken as they did he would doubtless have plundered the house after they had retired, but up to that time he was only concealed awaiting his opportunity

—The freight clerks at the C and A office are boasting a great deal about their tenth ... weight ... The person referred to is none other than Charles Bell who ... ed his associates by laying out a bigger man than John L Sullivan Saturday in the vicinity of the office

—Rev Father Stoppleman of LaRue goes to Xenia O in exchange of the St Bridget s Catholic church in that city The parish to which Father Stoppleman is called is just now in a very unpleasant quarrel as the German members want him and the Irish Catholics are determined to retain the present priest

—This is the time of year when the housewife ... her table silverware and anticipating the demands Clark Turney the jeweler has secured an unusually large and varied stock which he is selling at prices more tempting than ever Remember that you can buy silverware now cheaper than it was ever offered before Hoff

—W C MacEdward has been ordered to Huntington by General Manager Broughton of the C and A and hereafter the headquarters of Mr ... as fuel agent of the C and A will be at Huntington The STAR regrets to see Mac depart from among us for he is a capital fellow but the change is imperative and he has to go

—Mr Morrison agent of the Holly Water works company was in the city to be making preliminary arrangements such as organizing a company and matters pertaining thereto In response to an inquiry as to when work would begin Mr Morrison said that he thought everything would be in full blast by May 1st Prospecting for water will soon begin before that time

—A great deal of talk is now indulged in here on the subject of natural gas There are a great many who think the Grand street hole much less in depth than was generally supposed and the belief is almost general that gas veins are under us While the fever is on, we don t believe it would require much effort to sufficiently increase the capital of the old Natural Gas company to drill another well

—Engineer Cutler of the Black Diamond corps is working the change of the line The change begins at the land of Mrs Letter in the Caledonia road east of the Infirmary and runs on an average of about 300 feet north of the original survey The change is very acceptable to a number of the land owners along the line and makes a better entrance for the road into its fifteen acres in East Marion

J J Walter formerly located in this city and generally known as Doc Walter the Bohemian oats agent was arrested by Sheriff Beckley Sunday night on the charge of obtaining a note under false pretenses of John Himes The charges were preferred by Mr Himes of Big Island township of this county the basis of them being a note that he gave Walter for $ 00 for Bohemian There are very few who regard the case as having any merit

—Galion Inquirer Mr Lane is the wealthiest land owner on the entire line owning 500 acres of land eight miles from Zanesville The railway company will take 1½ acres—being a strip of land 100 feet wide The company by selecting the richest man on the entire line for a frightful example indicate that they are not afraid to tackle the money bags and skinflints who are willing to stop public improvements that cannot help but aid the general public

—Another patent is being exhibited on the court house grounds We mention this fact not because we have a grudge against this particular exhibitor but have a dislike to the court house grounds being used for such purposes Let the grounds be decently cleaned up and paved—a lawn will never survive—and let the very attractive ornament on the northeast corner of the lot be carried off and the place will appear as it ought If the grounds were properly fixed no patent right exhibitor would presume even the right to ask for such a privilege as making the place an advertising show ground The lot looks as though renters were on the place

—A paragraph is going the rounds to the effect that cigar dealers violate the revenue law when they lift a handful of cigars from a box and permit the customer to make his selection returning the rest to the box and that this violation subjects the offender to a penalty This opinion is based on the provision requiring cigars to be sold from the original package without *removing from the box* An exchange remarks that "this looks like an absurdity and perhaps it is but it is the law We question the correctness of the literal construction of the law on that very ground—its absurdity The legislative intent was to prevent fraudulent evasion of the tax which evasion could doubtless be more easily effected if the cigars were allowed to be removed permanently from the box and sold in a different manner without restrictions The practice referred to as being unlawful affords no opportunity for fraud and it is not likely that the strict construction which declares it unlawful would find countenance in any court Where a statute is susceptible of two constructions one unreasonable technical and far fetched though literal and the other based on horse sense and the evident legislative intent the second should always be adopted and this is the recognized rule that obtains in all courts of law

Is He Sane

It is said that an old man was in the city Saturday who surprisingly inquired what building is that? pointing to the court house when he made the inquiry When told what it was he innocently asked when was it built?

When such an individual could have lived in Marion county is a mystery to us Perhaps he is crazy

To the Ladies of Marion and Vicinity

A large line of novelties in millinery and notions just received We have also a trimmer who has spent eight weeks in one of the largest millinery houses in Philadelphia to help us prepare work for our patrons Call and examine our goods and get prices MRS C A MCWILLIAMS

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Married

BOXWELL—SHANNON—On March 20th 1887, by Rev J A Sutton at his residence, Benjamin B Boxwell to Miss Mary I Shannon The good wishes of many accompany the happy pair through life

HERBSTER WOTTRING & THOMAS

Breeders and Importers of French Draft Horses Prospect O

Among the potent factors which have stimulated and fostered the *improvement* of our draft horses has been the formation of importing companies which send representatives to the old world and there select the best specimens attainable for *importation*

In 1882 the firm of Herbster, Wottring & Thomas was formed at Prospect and effected the purchase of the magnificent French draft stallions Favorite and Rejoice which had been selected in France by Mr Wottring as a member of the Richwood Importing company

The following year Mr Wottring was again sent to France where he selected from the best breeding districts twelve splendid stallions arrived in October 188 These horses found ready sale in Marion and surrounding *counties three of them* being secured by J F Riley & Company This firm was also partners in importations of 1885 made by Guthery Hayes & Company and from it obtained the superb *stallions Corporal and Prince, the latter of* which (a typical Percheron Norman now four years old) has been sold to J A King of Hardin county

A visit to the company s stables on Bat*tle street in Prospect* will amply repay those who admire high bred imported French draft horse Here may be seen the well known French draft stallion Rejoice 1185 imported by R Wottring for the Richwood company in 1882 Rejoice was a government approved stallion serving three years in a noted stud of France where he proved an impressive sire Some of his colts have been imported since arrival He is now nine years old has a white color is a horse of great development power style and finish clean limbed with superbly arched neck and shapely head *His numerous colts now three years old are in great demand at good prices*

In another stall will be seen the well developed steel gray four year old stallion *Corporal imported in 1885 and recorded in* the third volume of the French Draft Horse register Corporal is a popular type of the draft horse with round symmetrical body close coupling, deep chest, heavily muscled *quarters and large clean flat boned limbs* He is a sure breeder and an impressive sire

The stables also contain the Black hawk Morgan road horse bred at Montreal, Canada and purchased in 1885 He breeds *strong* active and stylish colts

Mr Benk Herbster of this firm own also a fifteen sixteenths French draft mare weighing 1600 pounds which has produced a yearling filly by Rejoice Both are animals of power and promise

Clarion—Adelaide

Farmers are doing a great deal of tiling this spring

Much of the wheat in this township is re*ported to be in poor condition*

Frank Ceddes of Caledonia was in town Sunday

The committee interested in Black Diamond subscriptions has been active in *its work to secure as much as possible* but as yet the amount is much below $3000 The following are the committee on subscriptions for the Black Diamond Obediah Miller Geo W Williams Joseph *Snubb James Ives Wm Miller* James Owen David Eberhart, Jno Weiss, Frank Fletcher and John Mitchell

The remark from Caledonia about our postoffice was a funny circumlocution Why didn t he say I didn t want Clarion to have a postoffice We are not offended but would rather he would say what he means

Miss Laura Aye returned this week from Delaware for a short vacation Miss Aye is a sophomore at the O W U

Mr Owens, who is now our merchant will have a sale soon and will move to Clarion Messrs M C and W M Aye will also have a joint sale on the 29th They will leave soon for Kansas City

Willis Ently has recently moved out of town about one half mile east He is our justice He is a pedagogue also and has great success in training the young Americans

With regard to your correspondence concerning the *Sippel obituary would say that* it was not our intention to reflect on the character of anyone but to give the facts as we learned them from a reliable source Mrs Sippel is known to be an excellent *woman She never mistreated her husband* nor was she ever mistreated by him Their relations as man and wife were harmonious enough we suppose but at the same time there was an infelicity or dissatisfaction on *his part which* together with a deluded notion concerning his financial matters induced the melancholy referred to No one ever thought of attaching the slightest blame to Mrs Sippel Now we hope this satisfactorily explains the matter

Save This for Future Reference

The present session of the legislature has enacted the following

A bushel of the respective articles herein *after mentioned shall mean the amount of* weight avoirdupois viz

Of wheat sixty pounds
Of rye fifty six pounds,
Of oats thirty two pounds
Of clover seed sixty pounds
Of timothy seed, forty five pounds
Of hemp seed forty four pounds
Of millet seed fifty pounds
Of buckwheat fifty pounds
Of beans sixty pounds
Of peas sixty pounds
Of hominy, sixty pounds
Of Irish potatoes sixty pounds
Of sweet potatoes fifty pounds
Of onions fifty pounds
Of dried peaches thirty three pounds
Of dried apples, twenty two pounds
Of flax seed fifty six pounds
Of barley, forty eight pounds
Of malt thirty four pounds,
Of Hungarian grass seed fifty pounds,
Of lime seventy pounds
Of rye forty pounds
Of bituminous coal eighty pounds
Of cannel [coal], seventy *pounds*
Of corn shelled fifty six pounds
Of corn in the ear sixty eight pounds,
Of tomatoes fifty six pounds,
Of apples forty eight pounds
Of peaches forty eight pounds
Of turnips sixty pounds
Of plums fifty five pounds

A BRAVE WOMAN

At Music Hall on Thursday Evening March 31st

This splendid metropolitan company fresh from a successful run at the Grand Opera House in New York and under the management of T J Davis one of the eminent New York managers will appear in this city on the above date in A Brave *Woman* The Music Hall management is to be congratulated in securing a date with the famous company

The following from the Chicago Times is taken from a mass of press notices

A Brave Woman is the title of a new melo-drama presented at the Academy this week It is written by Mr Mortimer Murdoch who has not proven very original as to the idea but is rather inventive as to the methods of construction Happy home life he portrays rather strongly and seems to possess considerable skill in writing a natural dialogue The piece is pretty and interesting, something much like a dramatized novel *One of the most realistic but* scenes ever witnessed in this city is given which alone is worth a visit to the Academy this week Its principal characters are assumed by Mr James M Hardie and Miss Sara Von Leer The former has always been considered a good leading man in his manly stage presence resonant voice and histrionic ability certainly placing him in the higher rank of actors He was not *known before to be* a vocalist but in this piece he executed several songs especially Sul Home with genuine effect Miss Von Leer will be remembered as the original Mrs Winthrop some years ago In the early part of the piece where girlish gayety is required her methods are natural and easy and in the pathetic scenes later on he proves one of the strongest emotional actresses before the public Next to these comes strange to say little Ada Foster who cannot be more than five years old at the most playing a child s part very charmingly *The remainder of the cast is* all good except that some of the ladies feel inclined to overact This house was well filled considering that this was the beginning of the theatre s new departure in stopping the issue of tickets for lithographs hung in the windows

ANOTHER WRECK

Extra Train 40 on the C and A Has Eighteen Cars Telescoped by a Broken Axle—Not so Serious a Loss After All

The wreck at the C and A yards or rather the farthest *end of the C and A* yards attracted many pedestrians Sunday In fact nearly every one out for a walk and the curious too went thither and the scene of the promiscuously piled freight cars presented rather a lively scene

The particulars of the affair seem to be about as follows The 6th car back of the engine on train 40 was heavily loaded with wheat and had a hot box at Hepburn There it was cooled and the train came on for Marion The cooling had doubtless cracked the axle at any rate it had worn off at the end sufficiently to drop to the ground at the far end of the yards and eighteen cars immediately piled on top of one another

The cars reared up and stood around in *every conceivable shape and presented a* peculiar scene The car that caused the trouble was doubtless the most damaged from a financial view, but the empty gondolas were broken up more badly *We have not heard the loss estimated but it* must be comparatively light considering the extent of the wreck

The train was a double header in charge of Conductor Day An investigation of the *causes of the wreck will doubtless be made* but the cooling of the hot box at Hepburn relieves the crew of responsibility and the blame will possibly be attributed to a too heavily loaded car

GUY WEBBER ARRESTED

The Leader of the St Andrews Bay Company Indicted by the Grand Jury

[Sunday s Inquirer]

Guy Webber the head of the concern known as the St Andrews Bay Land and *Railroad company was arrested yesterday* by Deputy Marshal McIlvaine and taken before Judge Sage He had been indicted by the United States grand jury for violating the postal laws He pleaded not guilty and was released on $1000 bond He was indicted on the affidavits of James Dixon Cyrus Miller and Joseph Bergdorf They claim that Webber received money from them for which he agreed to furnish them with certain lands, which, they claim were not what he promised

OBITUARY

Daniel R Creasap was born September 17 1817 and died March 17 1887 aged 69 years and 6 months When fourteen years *of age he* came with his parents from Virginia to Ohio, and has resided in this county most of the time since 1831 He was the father of seventeen children twelve of whom survive him

The funeral services were held Sabbath morning at the United Brethren church conducted by the pastor and the remains were buried beside his first wife, in the Suter cemetery six miles southeast of town W S R

Prospect

Fester Cline of Columbus is the guest of his sister, Mrs Dr Bremzer

Emmet Cook and George Frash of Richwood were in town Sunday

Two of our wheelmen spent Sunday in Marysville

Miss Matilda Schook of Delaware is the guest of her sister, Mrs Fred Dreher

A very pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Miss Edith Hord on last Friday night

Fred Mayfield late of Cleveland is visiting a few days with his sister Mrs S J Wottring

Mrs I M Whitley of Shanes Crossing was in town over Sunday

The Jenny Electric Light company of Indianapolis has put in the light for Miller, Jones & Co

Grandfather Noble was buried Sunday under the auspices of the Masons

The funeral services of Miss Nellie Simpson were conducted by Rev Mr Hill last Tuesday morning *The church was crowd*ed by the many friends of the deceased Miss Nellie was aged about twenty seven and was a victim of consumption

Last Tuesday evening the members of the Baptist church *surprised their pastor* it being his birthday It was in every way a success and the evening was passed very pleasantly

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LADIES' GOSSIP

Cam ... made into wraps will be very ... the ... spring

... of substantial ... at ... stored and ... have

... costumes ... for ... the need

... to reach ... the ... of proper ... still ...

... with a ... walking ... enough to touch ... and ...

... are among the newest ... shown ... recommended ... jaunty ...

What ... on a green plush wrap ... lining of white satin ...

... buttons and ...

... from 10 to ... They are ... up the fore arm

The ... chantilly worn with a ... tions ...

Umbrellas ... must have a ... red The cover is ... very important to save the ... wh ... come to an umbrella which has often ...

... furniture was ... lately ... attractive ... one would ... through the ... in the ...

Very pretty little jackets for house wear are made of ... steel ... The ... not ... of ... difficulty ... and ... *may be* ... better

The ... jacket is a favorite for both little girls and boys ... the Norfolk jacket so long worn and appreciated for a comfortable garment It has two plaits in the back and two in front, being double breasted

BASEBALL

John M Connell formerly a league and association umpire has been appointed as an umpire in the International league by Secretary White

Morgan Murphy of the Boston team is the youngest catcher in the league as he is but 19 years of age He played with the Boston Blues last year

Manager Harry Wright has definitely decided upon a southern trip and his Philadelphia team will go to play in Charleston S C March 26 and 29

Kappel Cincinnati s new third baseman ... with ... and Mullane ... runner *There is little doubt that he will* play with the team in Carpenter s place

The new league rules ... by ... of the Philadelphia ... that ... the game it will put it back ... ten years ago

Manager Watkins says he would not trade Hardie Richardson of the Detroits for the great ... Kelly He says that Richardson can play in any position on the ... field

The Detroit club management have made ... their city for substantial support ... given by ... to ... admission to ... games

It is rather early in the season to predict how the clubs of any particular league will rank at the close ... Syracuse ... that the international ... will ... following order Newark Rochester Syracuse Troy City Toronto Binghamton Utica Hamilton Buffalo and Oswego ... have something to say on this point

The Baltimore Herald figures it out thusly *It is a blind calamity* to say that Mike Kelly will play a total of 140 games during the season They will average two hours each in length or 280 hours Two hundred and sixty hours will equal in round numbers eleven full days For the eleven days this *desirable expert of baseball gets $1 ... a* day or at the ... $10,000 per annum and Boston has bought this gold mine for $10 000

SPORTING AND ATHLETIC

Slosson and Schaefer the two great billiard experts will again cross cues at Chicago in the near future

Betting on the race across the Atlantic *between the Dauntless and the Coronet* is slightly in favor of the latter

A fifteen ball pool match will shortly be arranged between Malone and Frey It will be for the world s championship

Myers the American sprinter recently defeated Malone in Australia at 100 yards and was in turn beaten by Hutchens at 300 yards

A match race for $10 000 a side between Jim Gray and St Joseph to come off at the Washington Driving park Chicago this spring is among the probabilities

Robert Vint the little Brooklyn shoemaker won the recent six days go-as-you-please race in Philadelphia covering ... miles Hart the colored man was second

The Turf Field and Farm is authority for the statement that William Beach the *champion sculler, has been offered $10 000 to* come to this country to row Gaudaur, Teemer and Hanlan

Covington the celebrated jockey who was seriously hurt at New Orleans last week by the accidental breaking of a pistol in his own hands is rapidly recovering Covington last year rode in over 400 races winning seventy five of them

Evan Lewis, the Strangler defeated Jack Carkeek in a catch as catch can wrestling match at Milwaukee last Thursday evening winning the first and third falls, Carkeek allowing the second one to go by default *It is feared that the injuries received* will permanently disable Carkeek from wrestling

ACROSS THE SEAS

Railway carriages are now fitted up as churches in Russia so that people can worship as they travel

Germany has given orders to expel the Catholic ... of French ... in Alsace Lorraine and ... for an influx of ... singers

There were 117 ... in London last year The engines attached to the land stations made ... journeys and used 10 000 000 gallons of water

An item which will interest stamp collectors ... *The ...* the Duke ... thought ... the ... postage stamps ... would ... 300 ... *for* ... 0 000 ... sale ...

ALL SORTS

New York city has 10 000 landlords who ... $40 000 000 rent

... and the removal of the paddle ... the Great Eastern a ...

... great physical exploits ... that of a man in Texas who ... sitting

A ... bought a pair of ... He now has seventy ... of the original pair

During a ... at Rockport, Ind., ... 8 inches long fell to ... They were gathered and many ...

A West Virginia farmer recently sent two tons of ... to a Boston commission house ... freight commission and ... he had only 98 cents left

It is estimated that ... 000 000 of umbrellas are made in this country annually The number ... is not stated There is ... use that we don t get ... but an umbrella rarely ... into this category

... baby in the world ... lately to Mr and Mrs ... It weighs only ... are three and its legs ... It is healthy and thrives ... The parents weigh more than 150 pounds ... in excellent health

... in his new book on ... undertakes to tell the ... tossing a penny ... heads will not ... in a greater ratio ... for a day the inequality ... greater than 101 to 100

It ... the Union ... in Washington ... the prominent citizens came to the capital ... brilliant social ... Mayor Kow was set the style ... a beaver hat a ruffled ... pantaloons and ...

Mr Sam Bass of Ward Ark, thinks that he has a small fortune in a colt recently foaled on his farm without any fore legs ... the little fellow is perfect, and Mr Bass thinks that he will soon begin to walk on his two legs like any other biped Already the owner has taken many quarters for a sight at the colt and has refused $100 for him

The telegraph line built by the French in Tonquin having recently failed to work, it was found upon investigation that the chief of one of the native villages had appropriated a quantity of the wire to his own use, and replaced it with a cord of vegetable fiber He was very much surprised when informed of the damage he had done and had no idea but that he had made a fair exchange and no robbery

The results of a day at Monte Carlo to the proprietors of the casino and the principality of Monaco are told in the boxes, weighted with gold carried away before the very eyes of the ... It is said that each table wins from ... to ... 000 a day, which shows a gross gain from the eight tables of from ... 000 to ... These sums must be multiplied ... to show the probable yearly income

A ball was given by deaf mutes in Baltimore lately The Baltimore American says it was a curious affair They danced very well and generally kept time with the music Waltzing gave them more trouble ... though some showed their ability ... graceful in the ... A little girl danced the Fisher's hornpipe which was unexpected, and several couples ... danced a slow waltz to the lively music of a hornpipe

According to the annual report of the director of the mint which has been transmitted to congress it appears the production of gold during 1886 exceeded that of any previous year since 1880 and almost equals that of ... It amounted to $35 000 000 in 1886 against $31,800 000 in 1885 ... The production of silver ... as can be ascertained was ... 130 The amount of gold bullion imported into the United States was $17, 91 ... and the exports $37,802 037

ACROSS THE SEAS

The English army estimates which have just been issued amount to £18,003,000, being an increase of £160 000

It has been discovered in France that the fatty matter of wool may be transformed *into a substance which has been named* ... having the consistency and several properties of wax

The College of Blind Sons of Gentlemen at Worcester England has only sixteen students Queen Victoria has sent to America for plans ... public institutions A ... in Louisville is leading the movement

One of the ablest officers in the Belgian army has published a pamphlet in which he ... which he holds to be ... show that France, in the event of a ... war, will invade Germany through Belgian territory

Krupp of Essen pays a tax of 161,300 marks ... on his income of ... 000 for the current year The two Rothschilds at Frankfort pay on an income of about ... each Only nine persons in ... to have each an income exceeding ... this year

In Sweden steam engines have hitherto been without any government control whatever but orders have been given to the magistrates to submit before March 15 a list of all steam engines in their districts, with full report ... In Norway no steps have as yet been taken in this direction

BASEBALL MATTERS

It is a question whether Carruthers or Foutz is the most puzzling pitcher

The ... to have a pet goat on their grounds this season to act as their mascot. It will be known as George

Doscher and McQuaid have been selected to umpire the ... championship series of games between the Chicagos and St Louis Browns

Kansas City accepted $6 000 for its franchise and players The Cowboys have a franchise for the Western league, and will organize a ... club

The Athletics want Corkhill, the New York ... the Bostons Paul Hines, ... to be continued for ... and Denny

It is ... Hewitt of Washington, offered $10 000 for the release of Glasscock and Denny, and that Day, of the New Yorks, offered nearly that much for Denny alone

With as many pitchers as Boston has, it is doubtful if O Rourke will get a chance to show his ability as a back stop, but if he *does, Manager ... says he* will make a ... of himself

Doscher who was reinstated by the league ... and subsequently appointed an umpire may be seen on the diamond as a player before many seasons It is thought that he will get himself in good condition this season and enter the arena next year

THE RED ACORN.

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[The name given this story is made glorious by the valor and achievements of the First division of the Fourteenth Army corps, the recognizance of which was a crimson acorn worn on the breasts of its gallant soldiers and borne upon their battle flags.]

"They're comin, from the north," she said, with an involuntary sigh. "They're coming from home."

She touched her mare's flank with the whip and sped on.

She soon reached the outer line of guards, by whom she was halted with a demand for her pass. She produced the one furnished her, which was signed by Gen. Rosecrans. While the sergeant was inspecting it it occurred to her that now was the time to begin the role of a young woman with rebellious proclivities.

"Is this the last guard line I will have to pass?" she asked.

Is this the last guard line?

"Yes'm," answered the sergeant.

"You're quite sure?"

"Yes'm."

"Then I won't have any further use for this—thing," indicating the pass, which she received back with fine loathing, as if it were something infectious.

"No'm."

"Quite sure?"

"Yes'm, quite sure."

She rode over to the fire around which part of the guard were sitting, held the pass over it by the extremest tips of her dainty thumb and forefinger, and then dropped it upon the coals as if it were a rag from a smallpox hospital. Glancing at her finger tips an instant, as if they had been permanently contaminated by the scrawl of the Yankee general, she touched her nag, and was off like an arrow without so much as good day to the guards.

"She's sesh—clean to her blessed little toenails," said the sergeant, gazing after her meditatively, as he fished around in his pouch for a handful of kinnikinnick to replenish his pipe, "and she's purtier'n a picture, too."

"Them's the kind that's always the wust rebels," said the oracle of the squad, from his seat by the fire. "I'll bet she's just loaded down with information or quinine. Mebbe both."

She was now fairly in the enemy's country, and her heart beat faster in momentary expectation of encountering some form of the perils abounding there. But she became calm, almost joyous, as she passed through mile after mile of tranquil landscape. The war might as well have been on the other side of the Atlantic for any hint she now saw of it in the peaceful sunlit fields and woods and streams of crystal spring water.

The serenity everywhere intoxicated her with a half belief that the terrible Confederate army at Murfreesboro was only a nightmare of fear oppressed brains, and in her relief she was ready to burst out in echo of a *triumphant hymn ringing from a weaving* shed at her right.

Her impulse was checked by seeing approach a figure harshly dissonant to Arcadian surroundings.

It was a young man riding a powerful roan horse at an easy gallop, and carrying in his hand ready for instant use a 16-shooting Henry rifle. He was evidently a scout, but as was usual with that class his uniform was so equally made up of blue and gray that it was impossible to tell to which side he belonged. He reined up as he saw Rachel and *looked at her for a moment* in a way that chilled her. They were now on a lonely bit of road out of sight and hearing of any person or house. All a woman's fears rose up in her heart, but she shut her lips firmly and rode directly toward the scout. Another thought seemed to enter his mind; he touched his horse up with his heel and rode by her, saying courteously:

"Good morning, miss," but eyeing her intently as they passed. She returned the salutation with a firm voice and rode onward, but at a little distance could not resist the temptation to turn and look backward. To her horror the scout had stopped, half turned his horse, and was watching her as if debating whether or not to come back after her. She yielded to the impulse of the fear, struck her mare a stinging blow and the animal flew away.

Her fright subsided as she heard no hoof beats following her, and when she raised her eyes, she saw that she was approaching the village of Lavergne, half way to Murfreesboro, and that a party of Confederate cavalry was moving toward her. She felt less tremor at this first sight of the armed enemy than she had expected after her panic over the scout, and rode toward them with perfect outward and inward composure.

The lieutenant in command raised his hat with the greatest gallantry.

"Good morning, miss. From the city, I suppose?" he inquired.

"Yes," she answered in tones as even as if *speaking to a parrot*. "Fortunately, I am at last from the city. I have been trying to get away ever since it seemed hopeless that our people would not redeem it soon."

The conversation thus opened was carried on by Rachel giving copious and disparaging information concerning the Yankees, and the lieutenant listening in admiration to the musical accents, not caring to interrupt them but rarely to interject a question or a favorable comment. He was as little critical as ardent young men are apt to be of the statements of captivating young women, and Rachel's spirits rose as she saw that the worst she had to fear from the enemy was an excess of devotion. The story of her aunt at Murfreesboro received unhesitating acceptance, and nothing but imperative marching orders prevented his escorting her to the town. He would, however, send a non-commissioned officer with her who would see that she was not molested by any one. He requested permission to call upon her at her aunt's, which Rachel was compelled to grant for lack of any ready excuse for such a contingency. With this and many smiles and bows they parted.

All that afternoon she rode through camps of men in gray and butternut as she had ridden through the camps of men in blue in the morning. In these as in the others, she heard gay songs, dance music and laughter, and saw thousands of merry boys rollicking in the sunshine at games of ball and other sports with the joyous earnestness of a school house playground. She tried but in vain to realize that in a few days these thoughtless youths would be the demons of the battlefield.

Just before dusk she came to the top of a low limestone ridge and saw three miles away the lights of Murfreesboro. At that moment Fortner appeared jogging leisurely toward her mounted on a splendid horse.

"Oh, there's my Cousin Jim," she exclaimed gleefully, "coming to meet me. Sergeant, I am deeply obliged to you and to your lieutenant for your company, and I will try to show *my appreciation of it in the future in some* way more substantial than words. You need not go any farther with me. I know that both you and your horse are very tired. Good by."

The sergeant was only too glad of this release which gave him an opportunity to get back to camp, to enjoy some good cheer that he knew was there, and bidding a hasty good night, *he left at a trot.*

Fortner and Rachel rode on slowly up the pike, traversing the ground that was soon to run red with the blood of thousands.

They talked of the fearful probabilities of the next few days and halted for some minutes on the bridge across Stone river, to study the wonderfully picturesque scene spread out before them.

Shortly after crossing the river they passed a large tent with a number of others clustered around it. All were festooned with Confederate flags and brilliantly lighted. A *band came up in front of the principal one* and played the Bonnie Blue Flag.

"That's ole Gineral Bragg's headquarters," said Fortner. "He's the king bee of all the Confederates in these heah parts an' they think he kin 'bout make the sun stand still ef he wants ter."

They cantered on into the town and going more slowly through the great public square and the more crowded streets *came at last to* a modest house, standing on a corner and nearly hidden by vines and shrubbery.

A peculiar knock caused the door to open quietly, and before Rachel was hardly aware of it, she was standing inside a comfortable room so well lighted that her eyes took some little time to get used to such a change.

When they did so she saw that she was in the presence of a slender, elderly woman, whose face charmed her.

"This is yer Aunt Debby Bull," said Fortner dryly, "who ye came so fur fur ter see *an' who's bin expectin' ye quite anxiously*."

"You're very welcome, my dear," said Aunt Debby after a moment's inspection which seemed to be entirely satisfactory. "Jest lay off yer things thar on the bed an' come out ter supper. I know ye're sharp set. A ride from Nashville sech a day ez this is mouty good for the appetite an' we've hed supper waitin' ye."

Hastily throwing off her hat and gloves she sat down with them to a homely but excellent supper, which they all ate in silence. During the meal a muscular, well built man of 30 entered.

"All clar outside, Bill?" asked Fortner.

"All clar," replied the man. "Everybody's off on a high o' some kind."

Bill sat down and ate with the rest, until he satisfied his hunger, and then rising he felt along the hewed logs which formed the walls until he found a splinter to serve as a toothpick. Using this for a minute industriously *he threw it into the fire and asked:*

"Well?"

"Well," answered Fortner. "I reckon hit's ez safe ez anything kin well be that Wheeler's and Morgan's cavalry hez been sent off inter Kentucky, and ez thet's what Ole Rosy's been waitin' fur, now's the time fur him ter put in his big licks. Ye'd better start afore midnight ter Nashville. Ye'll hev this news, an' also thet thar's been no change in the location o' the Confederates, 'cept thet Polk's an' Kirby Smith's corps are both heah at Murfreesboro, with a strong brigade at *Stewart's creek an' another at Lavergne*. Ye'd better fall in with Boscall's rigiment, which'll go out ter Lavergne to-night ter relieve one o' the rigiments thar. Ye'd better not try to git back heah agin till after the battle. Good by. God bless ye. Miss, ye'd better git ter bed now ez soon ez possible, an' rest yerself fur what's comin'. We'll need every mite an' grain of our strength."

CHAPTER XIX.

THE BATTLE OF STONE RIVER.

The celebration of Christmas in the camps *around Nashville was abruptly terminated* by the reception of orders to march in the morning, with full haversacks and cartridge boxes. The next day all the roads leading southward became as rivers flowing armed men. Endless streams of blue thickly gilded everywhere with bright and ominous steel wound around the hills, poured over the plains and spread out into angry lakes wherever a Confederate outpost checked the flow for a few minutes.

Four thousand troopers under the heroic Stanley—the foam crest on the war billow—*dashed on in advance*. Twelve thousand steadily moving infantry under the luckless McCook poured down the Franklin turnpike, miles away to the right; twelve thousand more streamed down the Murfreesboro pike on the left, with the banner of the over-weighted Crittenden, while grand old Thomas, he whose trumpets never sounded forth retreat but always called to victory, moved steadfast as a glacier in the center, with as many more, a sure support and help to those on either hand.

The mighty war wave rolling up the deep *platform of the Cumberland was fifteen miles* wide now. It would be less than a third of that when it gathered itself together for its mad dash upon the rocks of rebellion at Murfreesboro.

It was Friday morning that the wave began rolling southward; all day Friday and Saturday and Sunday and Monday it rolled steadily onward, sweeping before it the enemy's pickets and outposts as dry sand by an incoming tide. Monday evening the leading divisions stood upon the bridge where Rachel and Fortner had stood, and looked as they did upon the lights of Murfreesboro two miles away.

"Two days from to-morrow is New Year's," said Kent Edwards. "Dear festival of egg nogg! how sweet *are thy memories*. I hope the Tennessee hens are doing their duty this winter, so that we'll have no trouble finding eggs when we get to Murfreesboro to-morrow."

"We are likely to be so busy tendering the compliments of the season to Mr. Bragg," said Harry lightly, "that we will probably have but little time to make calls upon the lady hens who keep open nests."

"We all may be where we'll need lots of cold water more than anything else," said Abe grimly.

"Well," said Kent flitly, "if I'm to be made a sweet little angel I don't know any day that I would rather have for my promotion to date from. It would have a very proper look to put in the full year here on earth, and start in with the new one in a world of superior attraction."

"Well, I declare, if here isn't Dr. Denslow," said Harry delightedly, as he recognized a horseman [illegible]. "How did you come here? We thought you were permanently stationed at [illegible] grand hospital."

"So I was," replied the doctor. "So I was at least so far as general orders could do it. But I felt that I could not be away from my boys at this supreme moment, and I am here, though the irregular way in which I detached myself from my post may require explanation to a court martial. Anyhow, it is a grateful relief to be away from the smell of chloride of lime and get a breath of fresh air that is not mingled with the groans of a *ward full of sick men*. It looks," he continued, with a comprehensive glance at the firmament of Confederate camp fires that made "Murfreesboro seem the centre of a ruddy Milky way, as if the grand climax is at last at hand. Bragg, like the worm, will at last turn, and after a year of foot races we'll have a fight which will settle who is the superfluous cat in this alley. There is certainly one too many."

"The sooner it comes the better," said Harry, firmly. "It has to be sometime, and I'm getting very anxious for an end to this *eternal marching and countermarching*."

"My weary, little feet," Kent Edwards put in plaintively, "are knobby as a burglar proof safe with corns and bunions, all of them more tender than a maid's heart, and painful as a mistake in a pay roll [illegible]. They're the ripe fruit of the thousands of miles of side hills I've had to tramp over because of Mr. Bragg's turning [illegible]. Now, if he's got *the spirit of a man* [illegible] *he'll come out from under* the bed and fight him."

"O he'll come out—he'll come out—never you fear," said Abe, sardonic as usual. "He's got a day or two's [illegible] now to attend to his business. A hundred thousand of him will come out. They'll swarm out o' them cedar thickets thicker'n grasshoppers out of a timothy field."

"Boys," said Harry, returning after a few minutes absence, "the colonel says we'll go into camp right here, just as we stand. Kent, I'll take the canteens and hunt up water, if *you and Abe will break some cedar boughs* for the bed and [illegible] wood to cook supper with."

"All right," responded Kent. "I'll go at the boughs."

"That puts me in for the wood," grumbled Abe. "And I don't suppose there's a fence inside of a mile, and if there is, there's not a poplar rail in it."

"And doctor," continued Harry, slinging the canteens over his shoulders, "you'll stay and take a cup of coffee and sleep with us to-night, won't you? The trains are all far behind and the hospital wagons must be long ways away."

"Seems to me that I've heard something of the impropriety of visiting your friends at about meal time," said the doctor quizzically, "but a cup of coffee just now has more charms for me than rigid etiquette, so I'll thankfully accept your kind invitation. Some day I'll reciprocate with interest in [illegible]."

In less time than that taken by words to [illegible] [illegible] Out of the four [illegible] a moment a comfortable [illegible] sitting hard bread and broiled fat pork and drinking strong black coffee, which the magic of the open air had transmuted into delightfully delicate and relishable viands.

"You are indebted to me," said Dr. Denslow, as he finished the last crumb and drop of his portion of the food, "for the accession to your company at this needful time of a tower of strength in the person of Lieut. Joseph Lanoke."

Abe grinned. The doctor looked at him with well feigned astonishment and continued:

"That gore hungry patriot, as you know, has been home several months on recruiting duty, by virtue of a certificate which he wheedled out of old Moxon. At last when he couldn't stay away any longer he started back, but he carefully restrained his natural impetuosity in rushing to the tented field, and his journey from Sandusky to Nashville was a fine specimen of easy deliberation. There was not a sign of ungentlemanly hurry in any part of it. He came into my ward at Nashville with violent symptoms of a half dozen speedily fatal diseases. I was cruel enough to see a coincidence in this attack and the general marching orders, and I prescribed for his ailments a thorough course of open air exercise. To be sure that my prescription would be taken I had the provost marshal interest himself in my patient's case, and the result was that I'm also joined the regiment, and so far has found it difficult to get away from it. It's the unexpected that happens, the French say, and there is a bare possibility that he may do the country some service by the accidental discharge of his duty."

"The possibility is too remote to waste time considering," said Harry.

They lay down together upon a bed made by spreading their overcoats and blankets upon the springy cedar boughs, and all but Harry were soon fast asleep. Though fully as weary as they he could not sleep for hours. He was dominated by a feeling that a crisis in his fate was at hand, and as he lay and looked at the stars every possible shape that that fate could take drifted across his mind even as the endlessly varying cloud shapes swept, now languidly, now hurriedly—across the dark disk above him. And as the moon and the stars shone through or around each of the clouds, making the lighter ones masses of translucent glory and gilding the edges of even the blackest with silvery promise, all thoughts of Rachel Bond suffused with some brightness every possible happening to him. If he achieved anything, the achievement would have for its chief value that it won her commendation; if he fell the blackness of death would be gilded by her knowledge that he died a brave man's death for her sweet sake.

He listened awhile to the mournful whinny of the mule, to the sound of artillery rolling up the resonant pike, to the crashing of new arrived regiments through the cedars as they made their camp in line of battle, to little spurts of firing between the nervous pickets, and at last fell asleep to dream that he was returning to Sandusky maimed but honored, to crown his life by claiming Rachel as his exultant bride.

The Christmas forenoon was quite well advanced before the fatigue of Rachel Bond's long ride was sufficiently abated to allow her to awaken. Then a soft hum of voices impressed itself upon her drowsy senses, and she opened her eyes with the idea that there were several persons in the room engaged in conversation. But she saw that there was only Aunt Debby, seated in a low rocking chair by the lazily burning fire and reading aloud from a large Bible that lay open upon her knees.

Rachel stirred a little, and Aunt Debby looked up and closed the book.

"I'm afeared I've woke ye up too soon," she said, coming toward the bed with a look of real concern upon her sweet face. "I really didn't intend to. I jest opened the book ter read the promises [illegible] heedin' even a sparrer's fall an' forgot [illegible] read on an' when I [illegible] I must read out loud ter git the good of hit. Some folk pretend they kin understand jest ez well when they read ter themselves. Mebbe they kin."

"Oh no," replied Rachel, cheerfully, "you didn't disturb me in the least. It was time that I got up, and I was glad to hear you read. I'm only troubled with the fear that I've overslept myself and missed the duty that I was intended for."

"Make yourself easy on that are score. Ye'll not be needed to-day, nor likely to-morrow. Some things hev come up ter change Jim's plans."

"I am very sorry," said Rachel, setting up in the bed and tossing back her long, silken mane with a single quick, masterful motion. "I wished to go immediately about what I am expected to do. I can do anything better than wait."

Aunt Debby came impulsively to the bedside, threw an arm around Rachel's neck *and kissed her on the forehead*. "I love ye, honey," she said with admiring tenderness. "Ye're sich ez all women orter be. Ye'll make heroes of yer husband and sons. Ye've yit to larn, though, that the most of a woman's life an the hardest part of hit, is to wait."

In her fervid state of mind Rachel responded electrically to this loving advance, *made at the moment of all others when she* felt most in need of sympathy and love. She put her strong arm around Aunt Debby, and held her for a moment close to her heart. From that moment *the two women became* of one accord. Womanlike, they sought relief from their high tension in light, irrelevant talk and care for the trifling details of their surroundings. Aunt Debby brought water and towels for Rachel's toilet, and fluttered around her, solicitous, helpful and motherly, and Rachel, weary of long companionship with men, delighted in the restfulness *of association once more* with a gentle, sweet minded woman.

The heavy riding habit was entirely too cumbersome for indoor wear, and Rachel put on instead one of Aunt Debby's linsey gowns that hung from a peg, and laughed at the prim, demure mountain girl she saw in the glass. After a good breakfast had still further raised her spirits she ventured upon a little pleasantry about the dramatic possibilities of a young lady who could assume different characters with such facility.

The day passed quietly, with Rachel studying such of the *Christmas festivities as* were visible from the window, and from time to time exchanging personal history with Aunt Debby. She learned that the latter had left her home in the Cumberland mountains with the Union army in the previous spring, and gone on to Chattanooga to assist her nephew, Fortner, in obtaining the required information when Mitchell's army advanced against *that place in the summer*. When the army retreated to the Ohio in September she had come as far back as Murfreesboro and there stopped to await the army's return, which she was confident would not be long delayed.

"How brave and devoted you have been," said Rachel warmly as Aunt Debby concluded her modestly told story. "No man could have done better."

"No, honey," replied the elder woman, with her wan face coloring faintly. "I've done nothin' but my plain duty, ez I seed hit. I've done nothin' ter what *they* would've done hadn't *they been taken from me afore they had a* chance. Like one who speaks in the book, 'In journeyings often, in perils of robbers, in perils of mine own countrymen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness,' but he was not ter glory in these things but in those which concern our infirmities."

"How great should be your reward!"

"Don't speak of reward. I only want my freedom when I've earned hit—the freedom *ter leave an 'arth on which I've been left be*hind an' go whar my husband an' sons are waitin' fur me."

She rose and paced the floor with her face and eyes shining.

"Have you no fear of death whatever?" asked Rachel in amazement.

"Fear of death! Child, why should I fear *death? Why should I fear death, more than* the unborn child fears birth? Both are the same. Hit can't be fur ter that other world whar they wait fur me. Hit is not even ez a journey ter the next town—hit's only one little step through the curtain o' green grass an' violets on a sunny hillside—only one little step."

She turned abruptly, and going back to her chair by the fireside seated herself in it, and clasping her knees with her hands rocked back and forth, and sang in a low, sweet croon:

Oh the rapturous transporting scene
That rises ter my sight;
Sweet fields arrayed in livin' green
An' rivers of delight.

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
Thar God the Son forever reigns
An' scatters night away.

No chillin' winds or poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness an' sorrow, pain an' death
Are felt an' feared no more.

After dark Fortner came in. Both women *studied his face eagerly as he walked up to* the fire.

"Nothin' yet, honey," he said to Aunt Debby, and "Nothin' yet, Miss," to Rachel, and after a little stay went out.

When Rachel awoke the next morning, the sky was lowering darkly. On going to the window she found a most depressing change from the scene of bright merriment she had studied the night before. A chill winter rain was falling with dreary persistence, pattering on the dead leaves that covered the ground and soaking into the sodden earth. Every*thing and everybody in sight added something* to increase the dismalness of the view, and as Rachel continued to gaze upon it the horror took possession of her. She began to brood wretchedly over her position as a spy inside the enemy's lines, and upon all the consequences of that position.

It was late that night when Fortner came in. As he entered the two expectant women saw by the ruddy light of the fire that his face was set and his eyes flashing. He hung his dripping hat on a peg in the chimney and kicked the blazing logs with his wet boot until a flood of meteor sparks flew up the *throat* of the fireplace. Turning, he said without waiting to be questioned:

"Well, the hunt's begun at last. Our folks come out o' Nashville this morning in three big armies, marchin' on different roads, an' they began slashin' at the Confederates wherever they could find 'em. Thar's been fightin' at Triune an' Lavergne an' all along the line. They busted the Confederates out o' their holes everywhar an' druv 'em back on the jump. Wagon load after wagon load o' wounded's comin' back from thar, an' a long train agwine ter the hospital. Hark! ye kin heah 'em now."

The women listened.

They heard the ceaseless patter and swish of the [illegible]—the gusty sighs of the wind through the shade trees' naked branches—louder still the rolling of heavy wheels over the rough street, and all these were torn and rent by the shrieks of men in agony.

"Poor fellows," said Rachel, "how they are suffering."

"Think rather," said Aunt Debby calmly, "of how they've made others suffer. Hit's God's judgment on 'em."

Rachel turned to Fortner. "What will come next? Will this end it? Will the Confederates fall back and leave this place?"

"Hardly. This is only like the fust slap in the face in a fight between two big savage men who've locked horns ter see which is the best man. Hit's only a sorter limberin' the guns fur the death rassel."

"Yes, and what next?"

"Well, Rosy's started fur this 'ere place, an' he's bound ter come heah. Bragg's bound he shan't come heah, an' is gittin' his men *back to defend the town.*"

"What am I—what are we to do in the meanwhile?"

"Ye're ter do nothin', on'y stay in the house ez close ez ye kin, an' wait tell the chance comes ter use ye. Hit may be ter-morrer, an' hit mayn't be fur some days. These army moves are mouty unsartin. Aunt Debby'll take keer on ye an' ye'll not be in a mite o' danger."

"But we'll see you frequently?"

"Iz offen ez I kin arrange hit. I'm actin' ez orderly an' messenger 'bout headquarters, but I'll come ter ye whenever I kin git a chance, an' keep ye posted."

This was Friday night. All day Saturday, as long as the light lasted, Rachel stood at the window and watched with sinking heart the steady inflow of the Confederates from the north. That night she and Aunt Debby waited till midnight for Fortner, but he did not come. All day Sunday she stood at her *post and watched the unabated pouring in on* the Nashville pike. Fortner did not come that night. She was downcast, but no shade disturbed the serenity of Aunt Debby's sweet hymning. So it was again on Monday and Tuesday. The continually swarming multitudes weighed down her spirits like a mill stone. She seemed to be encompassed by millions of armed enemies. They appeared more plentiful than the trees, or the rocks, or the leaves even. They filled the streets of the little town until it seemed impossible for another one to find standing room. Their cavalry blackened the *faces* of the long ranges of hills. Their artillery and wagons streamed along the roads in a never ending train. Their camp fires lighted up the country at night for miles in all directions.

Just at dusk Tuesday night Fortner came in and was warmly welcomed.

"There are such countless hosts of the Confederates," Rachel said to him after the first *greetings were over, that I quite despair of* our men being able to do anything with them. It seems impossible that there can be gathered together anywhere else in the world as many men as they have."

"I don't wonder ye think so, but ef ye'd been whar I wuz to-day ye'd think that all the world wuz marchin' round in blue uniforms. Over heah hit seems ez ef all the cedars on the hills had suddintly turned into Confederate soldiers. Three miles from heah the bluecoats are swarmin' thicker'n bees in a field o' buckwheat."

"Three miles from here? Is our army within three miles of here?"

"Hit certainly is, an' the Lord awfullest crowd o' men an' guns an' hosses that ever tromped down the grass o' this 'ere 'arth. Why, hit jest dazed my eyes ter look at 'em. Come ter this other winder. D'ye see thet furtherest line o' camp fires, way on yander hill? Well, them's Union. If ye could see fur enuf ye'd see they're 'bout five miles long an' they look purtier'n the stars in heaven."

"But if they are so close the battle will begin immediately, will it not?"

"Hit ain't likely ter be put off very long, but thar's no tellin' what'll happen in war or when."

"When is my time to come?"

"That's what I've come fur ter tell ye. Ef *we're agwine ter be of service ter the gov'*ment we must do hit to-night, fur most likely the battle'll begin in the mornin'. Hit's not jest the way I intended ter make use of ye, but hit can't be helped now. I hev information thet must reach General Rosecrans afore daybreak. The victry may depend on hit. Ter make sure all on us must start with hit fur gittin' through the lines is now mouty dangersome an' somebody—mebbe several—is bound to git cotcht, mebbe wuss. The men I expected ter help me are all gone. I hain't nobody now but ye an' Aunt Debby. D'ye dar and try an' make yer way through the lines to-night?"

Rachel thought a minute upon the dreadful possibilities of the venture and then replied firmly:

"Yes, I dare. I will try anything that the rest of you will attempt."

"Good. I knowed ye'd talk thet a way. Now we must waste no time in gittin' started, fur God on'y knows what difficulties we'll meet on the way, an' Rosencrans can't hev the information enny too soon. Every minute hit's kep' away from him'll cost many vallerable lives—mebbe help defeat the army."

"Tell me quickly, then, what I must do, that I may lose no time in undertaking it."

"Well, heah's a plan of the position at sun down of the Confederates. Hit's drawed out moughty roughly, but hit'll show jest whar they all are an' about the number there is at each place. Hit begins on the right which is south of Stone river with Breckinridge's men; then across the river is Withers, an' Cheatham an' Cleburne, with McCown's division on the left, an' Wharton's cavalry *on the flank*. But the thing o' most importance is that all day long they've been movin' men round ter their left, ter fall on our right an' crush hit. They're hid in the cedar thickets over thar, an' they'll come out to-morrow mornin' like a million yellin' devils, an' try ter sweep our right wing offen the face o' the 'arth. D'ye understand what I've tole ye?"

"Yes. Breckinridge's division is on their right and south of Stone river. Withers, Cheatham and Cleburne come next, on the north of the river, with McCown's division *and Wharton's cavalry on the left, as shown* in the sketch, and they are moving heavy forces around to their left, with the evident intention of falling overwhelmingly on our right early in the morning."

"That's hit. That's hit. But lay all the stress ye kin on the movin' around ter their left. Thar's mo' mischief in thet than all the rest. Say thet thar's 0,000 men gwine round thar this afternoon an' evenin'. Say thet thar's the biggest thunder cloud o' danger that enny one ever saw. Say hit over an' over, tell everybody, understand hit an' gits ready ter meet hit. Tell hit till ye've *made* every one on 'em understand thet thar can't be no mistake about hit an' they must look out fur heaps o' trouble on their right. Tell hit ez ye never tole anything afore in yer life. Tell hit ez ye'd pray God Almighty fur the life o' the one thet ye love better than all the world beside. An' *ef thar* ter tell hit—git thru the Confederate lines—ef ye love yer God an' yer *country an'* ye want ter see the brave men who are ter die ter-morrer make their deaths count somethin' toward savin' this Union. Hit may be thet yore information'll save the army from defeat. Hit may be—hit's most likely—thet hit'll save the lives o' thousands o' brave men who love their lives even ez yo an' me loves ourn."

"I'll try to do all that a devoted woman can. I will get through before daybreak or die in the attempt. But how am I to go?"

"Hide this paper somewhar. Aunt Debby'll fix ye up ez a country gal, while I'm gittin' yer mare saddled an' bridled with some common harness unstid o' the fancy fixin's ye had when ye rode out heah. Ef ye're stopt ez ye likely will be, say thet ye've been ter town fur the doctor an' some medicine fur yer sick mammy an' are tryin' ter git back ter yer home on the south fork o' Overall's creek. Now go an' git ready ez quick ez the Lord'll let ye."

As she heard the mare's hoofs in front of the door, Rachel came out with a "slat sun bonnet" on her head, and a long, black calico riding skirt over her linsey dress. Fortner gave her attire an approving nod. Aunt Debby followed her with a bottle. "This is the medicine ye've bin ter git from Dr. Thacker heah in town," she said, handing the vial. "Remember the name, *fur fear* ye mought meet some one who knows the town. Dr. Thacker, who lives a little piece offen the square, an' gives big doses of epecac fur everything from brakebone fever ter the itch."

"Dr. Thacker, who lives just off the square," said Rachel. "I'll be certain to remember."

"Take this too," said Fortner, handing her *a lively nuisance* revolver, of rather large caliber. "Don't pull hit onless ye can't git along without hit, an' then make sho o' yer man. Salt him."

"Good by—God bless ye," said Aunt Debby, taking Rachel to her heart in a passionate embrace, and kissing her repeatedly. "God bless ye again. No one ever hed more need o' His blessin' then we uns will fur the next few hours. If He does bless us an' our work we'll all be safe an' sound in Gineral Rosecrans' tent afore noon. But ef His will's different we'll be by thet time whar the Confederates cease from troublin', *and the weary are at rest*. I'm sure thet ef I thot the Confederates war gwine ter whip our men I'd never want ter see the sun rise ter-morrer. Good by, we're all in the hands o' Him who seeth even the sparrer's fall."

Fortner led the mare a little ways to where he could get a good view, and then said:

"That second line o' fires which ye see over thar is our lines—them fires I mean which run up inter the woods. The fust line is the Confederates. Ye'll go right out this road heah till ye git outside the town, an' then turn ter yer right an' make fur the Stone river; ford hit or swim your mar acros an' make yer way thru or round the Confederate line. If ye find a good road an' everything *favorable ye mout try ter make yer way* strait thru ef ye think ye kin fool the guards with yer story. If ye're fearful ye can't, then ride beyond the lines an' come inter ours thet-a-way. Aunt Debby'll go ter the other flank an' try ter git a past Breckinridge's pickets, an' I'll tempt ter make my way thru the center. We may all or none o' us git thru. I can't give much advice, ez ye'll hev ter trust mainly ter yerself. But remember all the time what hangs upon yer gittin' the news ter Rosy afore daybreak. Think all the time thet mebbe ye kin save *the hull army, mebbe win the victry, sartinly* save heaps o' Union lives an' fool the pizen Confederates. This is the greatest chance ye'll ever hev ter do good in all yer life, or a hundred more, ef ye could live 'em. Good by. Ef God Almighty smiles on us we'll meet ter-morrer on yon side o' Stone river.

Ef He frowns we'll meet on yon side o' the Shinin' River. Good by."

He released her hand and her horse, and she rode forward into the darkness. Her course took her first up a main street, which was crowded with wagons, ambulances and artillery. Groups of men mingled with these and crowded upon the sidewalks. When she passed the light of a window the men stared at her, and some few presumed upon her *homely garb so far as to venture upon face*tious and complimentary remarks, aimed at securing a better acquaintance.

She made no reply, but hurried her mare onward as fast as she could pick her way. She soon passed out of the limits of the town and was in the country, though she was yet in the midst of camp, and still had to thread her way through masses of men, horses and wagons moving along the road.

The first flutter of perturbation at going out into the darkness and the midst of armed men had given way to a more composed feeling. *No one had stopped her*, or offered to, no one had shown any symptom of surprise at her presence there at that hour. She began to hope that this immunity would continue until she had made her way to the Union lines. She had left the thick of the crowd behind some distance and was going along at a fair pace over a clear road, studying all the while the line of fires far to her right *in an attempt to discover a promising dark* gap in their extent.

She was startled by a hand laid upon her bridle and a voice saying:

"Say, Sis, who mout ye be an' whar mout ye be a-mosyin' ter this time o' night?"

She saw a squad of brigandish looking stragglers at her mare's head.

"My name's Polly Briggs. I live on the south fork o' Overall's creek. I've done been ter Dr. Thacker's in Murfreesboro, fur some medicine fur my sick mammy, an' I'm on my way back home an' I'd be much *obleeged ter ye gentlemen ef ye'd 'low me ter* go on, kase mammy's powerful sick an' she's in great hurry fur her medicine."

She said this with a coolness and a perfect imitation of the speech and manner of the section that surprised herself. As she ended she looked directly at the squad, and inspected them. She saw she had reason to be alarmed. They were those prowling wolves found about all armies, to whom war meant only wider opportunities for all manner of villainy and outrage. An unprotected girl was a welcome prize to them. It was not *death as a spy she had to fear, but worse.* Now, if ever she must act decisively. The leader took his hand from her bridle, as if to place it on her.

"Yer a powerful pert sort of a gal, an' ez purty ez a fawn. Yer mammy can git long without the medicine a little while, an——"

There is a large Catholic church in Washington, attended exclusively by colored people, with black saints in the niches and other things to correspond. It is attended by a colored aristocracy, and a membership in it is considered as a sign of tone by some.

Thomas Spurgeon, one of the twin sons of the great London preacher, is the pastor of a large Baptist church called, like his father's, the Tabernacle in Auckland, New Zealand. He is but 30 years old, and preaches to about 2,000 each Sunday.

A series of Unitarian theological lectures will be delivered this winter in Philadelphia. On the list of speakers are the Rev. Edward Everett Hale and the Rev. A. P. Peabody, of Boston, the Rev. J. W. Chadwick, of Brooklyn, and the Rev. T. C. Williams, of New York.

FACTS WORTH KNOWING

Good wine can be made from sour Florida oranges.

Sound sense from The Critic: "Stop work the moment that you feel it is telling upon you, and take your vacation upon your feet—not on your back."

A fine lustrous polish for delicate cabinet work can be made as follows: Half pint of linseed oil, half pint of old ale, the white of an egg and one ounce of spirits of salt (muriatic acid). "Shake."

The Industrial World says that the railroad of India will have to use steel or iron cross ties, on account of the ravages of insects. Even the steel ties have to be dipped into a bath of tar and linseed oil to protect them from the white ants.

Aluminum bronze, says The Industrial World, is almost certain to be the coming material for cartridges on account of its enormous tenacity as well as from the fact that it is the only cheap metal that neither corrodes nor chemically affects gunpowder that is for a long time in contact with it.

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THE VALUE OF OUR BANKS

INTERESTING FIGURES FROM THE COMPTROLLER'S BOOKS

The Business Steadily on the Increase—Finding Out the Methods of Transacting Business in the Departments—Various Other Washington Affairs

WASHINGTON, March 25.—An interesting statement is just being prepared by the treasury department regarding the condition of the National banks of the country. Five times a year the comptroller of the currency sends out to the National banks of the entire country for a statement as to their financial condition, their loans and deposits, capital stock, circulation, deposits and other details.

Five times a year the banks respond, for they cannot afford to "monkey" with an officer of the department through which they hold their lease of life. So the responses come in promptly, and when they are footed up furnish some very interesting data. It is one of these five occasions that has furnished the information referred to above. It will show that there are now nearly 3,000 National banks in the country. Notwithstanding the claim that the National banks are not now doing as well as they used to, they go steadily on increasing in numbers and capital stock and in business.

Every little while the persistent visitor at the office of the comptroller of currency finds on a certain hook in a certain room an announcement of the organization of a new bank or banks. They go steadily on increasing in numbers and strength till now there are in round numbers 3,000 of them, and their capital stock amounts to $600,000,000. It is a noticeable fact, however, in spite of their steady growth that their net earnings are fairly good. There has only been one year in the present decade in which their earnings, after all expenses were paid, did not amount to 8 per cent. or more on the capital and surplus. Eight to 9 per cent. is a pretty fair earning for money now when four per cent. bonds are at a premium of almost 30 per cent.

A curious feature to be noted in this bank statement is the relation of the loans and discounts to the capital stock. The capital stock of the National banks of the country is in round numbers $600,000,000, yet those same banks by their own confession have to-day loans and discounts outstanding to the amount of a billion and a half, or nearly three times the amount of their capital stock. Curious isn't it that a bank or a set of banks can loan three times as much money as they have and yet have enough left to run their daily business with? Look along down the column and perhaps you may find the explanation. The individual deposits of these banks amount, you will notice, to over $1,000,000,000, or over twice as much as the capital of the banks themselves. Of course, the bankers think, I suppose, that it might cause a financial crisis to keep $1,000,000,000 of the people's money locked up in their vaults, so they kindly keep it in circulation by loaning it out to somebody else at a high rate of interest. This is evident to the most casual observer, for the loans of the banks, while they are three times as much as the capital stock, are just equal to the capital stock and deposits of the banks put together. Is it a confidence game? Well, not exactly that, but it is a game in which confidence plays a very active part.

The public seeing that the banker has $1 of his own goes voluntarily to him and asks him to take care of $2 more, without security or interest. The banker accommodatingly does as he is requested, and immediately turning round loans out not only his own $1 but the $2 of his depositor, taking both security and interest for all three of them. In the private and savings banks the deposit is much more a question of confidence even than in the National banks, for there are 400 saving banks in the country with over a billion of dollars deposited in them and a total capital amounting to over $10,000,000. Confidence, did you say? It looks a good deal that way. And yet the present banking system of this country is believed to be the best that any country has or has ever had. Probably it is, and there is great regret that it has so soon to come to an end so far as its currency system goes. If the treasury department goes to buying in the bonds before they are due, as it probably may find necessary, there will soon be only the four per cent. bonds payable in 1907 left as a basis for circulation of the National bank.

Committee of Inquiry

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Senator Cockrell, chairman of the senate select committee to inquire into and examine the methods of business and work in the executive departments of the government, has taken the initial steps toward carrying out the inquiry during the past week by addressing several letters to the heads of each department telling them just what information is desired by the committee. The senator in one of his letters requests a detailed statement of the methods of transacting business in each division of each bureau, including one or more items of the principal business matters transacted in each of such divisions, beginning with the receipt of the business matter in the department and their showing in consecutive order the various steps taken by of such business matters through the various divisions and the various bureaus and divisions of such bureaus and employes through whose hands the same passes and by whom it is considered and acted upon and the action taken by each until the same is finally disposed of and notice given to the proper party.

In another letter he asks for a detailed statement showing the amount and character of business pending in each division and in each division of each bureau on the 1st day of January, 1885, and '86, and the amount of business transacted and disposed of in each division during these three years and on hand and unsettled at the end of each, and also the business transacted in January and February, 1887, in each division on March 1, 1887; also a detailed statement showing the average amount and character of business performed, transacted and disposed of by the employes in each division and the average number of employes in each of such divisions during each month in 1885 and '87 up to March 1, 1887, and also the maximum and minimum amount of business transacted and disposed of by the employe doing the most and the employe doing the least in each of such divisions during each of the months of these years, and if no account has been kept of the business performed and disposed of by each employe during these years the reasons why such account has not been kept, and also a statement showing the average number of days and the time and attention devoted to the consideration and transaction of business by the employes in the divisions, and whether in person or by proxy, during each of these years up to March 1, 1887. Such employes or any of them may have been receiving pay from the United States, and also the maximum and minimum number of days during each of the years so devoted to business by the employe in each of the divisions present for the greatest number of days and also for the least number of days.

In a third letter sent to the departments to-day the senator requests a statement of the number of employes in each department on March 1, 1887.

These letters show that Senator Cockrell intends the investigation to be thorough and searching. For the last ten or twelve years, he says, the heads of departments or bureaus have been clamoring for more help. Some of the bureaus probably need a larger force; other perhaps do not need the force they have all along been provided with, and this investigation, the senator thinks, will at least show whether congress has been remiss in not providing additional force, or the administration of the department faulty by not utilizing and arranging their employes so as to keep all busy and at the same time keep the work everywhere well attended to. Acting Secretary Muldrow, of the interior department, has already taken steps to comply with Senator Cockrell's requests and has directed the heads of bureaus and divisions in that department to prepare the desired data for the committee.

Cleveland and Hill

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The recent visits of Smith Weed, of New York, and ex-Assistant Secretary Smith, formerly of New York but now of Minneapolis, are said to be for the purpose of consulting the president about the coming presidential fight. They are, it is said, not a little solicitous about the situation, and between that and the steps already taken by the friends of Governor Hill to secure the New York delegation, will force the president into the field as a candidate, no matter whether he desires the nomination or not, as any course would sacrifice the men who stood by him before and since his election.

The next fifteen months will be the most lively ever known in New York politics, growing fiercer as the time approaches for the choice of delegates. It will not be a question of the president, but of the perpetuation of the policy which he has inaugurated, and the threatened disturbance of which by the conceded spoils policy of Hill might remove the Democratic party from its ascendency in public affairs as suddenly as it acquired power through the individuality and record for political integrity of its candidate in 1884. The shape which affairs are taking is causing undisguised alarm among Democrats who follow Mr. Cleveland closely.

The Civil Service Commissioner

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The civil service commission has placed the Richmond, Va., and Denver, Col., postoffices under civil service rules, and in a few days will organize local examining boards at these points. Commissioner Edgerton has gone to Ft. Wayne, Ind., on private business. From there he will go to Chicago to aid Commissioner Leyman in conducting an examination on the 15th of next month for department service. While in Chicago the two commissioners will also investigate charges filed by the Civil Service league of that city against the collector of the port, accusing him of violating the civil service law.

Our Minister to Turkey

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Oscar S. Straus, of New York city, who has been appointed minister to Turkey, is of Hebrew origin. He is a gentleman of extensive literary attainments, and has for years been a prominent importer in that city. He was, during the last presidential campaign, president of the Cleveland and Hendricks Business Men's club of New York.

Exports and Imports.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Exports from the United States during February past were valued at $51,702,348, and imports to the United States at $58,0[illegible]. For the twelve months ended February 28, 1887, exports aggregated $7[illegible] and imports $[illegible]. During February 14,517 immigrants arrived in the United States against 9,[illegible] in February 1886.

Going to the Statistical Convention

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Professor J. R. Dodge, statistician of the department of agriculture, left Washington yesterday for New York and will sail for Europe on the Servia on Saturday. Professor Dodge goes to Rome as a delegate to the International Statistical convention, which meets there in April.

Surveying Cruiser Thetis.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The surveying cruiser Thetis, under command of Lieutenant Emory, sailed from the New York navy yard this morning for Norfolk, Va. The Thetis, after taking on board stores at Norfolk, will start for Alaskan waters via Cape Horn, stopping at Montevideo and San Francisco.

Canadian Finances

OTTAWA, Ont., March 25.—The report of the finance minister of Canada has been printed, but will not be made public until April 30. The Canadian finances are shown by Sir Charles Tupper, the present minister, to be in a bad shape. The public debt is over $[illegible],000,000, an increase of over $5,000,000 the last fiscal year. Of the outstanding bonds it is estimated that Canadians hold $20,000,000, United States $5,000,000, England $101,000,000, Germany $10,000,000 and France $5,000,000. The average rate of interest is 3¼ per cent. It will be suggested that in order to take up a loan of $30,000,000 and prepare for extraordinary expense. The report will raise a storm when presented to parliament, as the Liberals have all along contended that Hon. William McClelland, who was finance minister for the past two years, was incompetent.

Struck By a Train

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 25.—Three unknown men, evidently laborers, were struck by a Baltimore & Ohio express train to-day near Leighton station. Two of them were killed outright, the third fatally injured.

NEWS FROM OVER THE SEA

ALL THE IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN THE OLD WORLD

Gladstone Talks Irish Affairs in the British House of Commons—Valuable Letters and Mail Stolen—Secretary Manning Arrives in Queenstown—Foreign

LONDON, March 25.—In the house of commons Mr. Gladstone called attention to the unprecedented position of the house, which had already been in session two months. During that time its independent right to initiate legislation had been stifled and the Conservatives were now exulting over the prospects of passing a motion to force the house to surrender the whole of its time until the government could carry through to passage an Irish bill of increased and unwarrantable severity. This kind of pressure, he said, would have a tendency to undermine the authority of the chair and bring into disrepute the rules of procedure.

The present position of the house, Mr. Gladstone said, was altogether different from that which it acquired during the period of its consideration of the coercion act of 1881. Hitherto when ministers had asked permission to introduce legislation dealing with crime in Ireland they had endeavored to show that crime existed there to the extent of terrifying the law abiding portion of the people and of subverting the lawfully constituted authority of the government. Such is not the case now. They make no such attempt. It is sufficient crime in the eyes of the government that the people of Ireland have combined to secure a reduction of rent. The evidence of Gen. Buller before the Irish land commission had proved that no general movement was made against the payment of rent, but that tenants had simply combined their efforts to have the rents reduced to a fair and just amount.

While preaching the doctrine of sanctity of contracts, Mr. Gladstone continued, Mr. Balfour was intending to introduce a bill violating the terms of leasehold contracts adjusted under the land act of 1881 just as the judicial rents were adjusted. It is not for the purpose of vindicating the sanctity of contracts, nor to repress a wide spread outbreak of crime and outrage, that coercion for Ireland is now demanded by the government, and whatever the nature of the government's bill may turn out to be when it is disclosed it is the duty of the Liberal party now to refuse to vote urgency for its introduction. Mr. Gladstone trusted that the people of England would see the Liberal party united in opposition to this measure to its last stage, and expressed hope that the Liberals would proclaim with all the strength of justice and reason against a government which, after eighty-six years of experience had been given to it in vain, was now preparing to strike a fresh blow at the life and happiness of Ireland and at the prosperity and unity of the empire.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain expressed his condemnation of the attitude of those who, not knowing the nature of the bill, refused the government an opportunity to introduce and discuss it. Experience, he said, had shown that formerly enacted remedial measures had failed of their object and the condition of Ireland was as bad as ever, if not worse. The government, he thought, had been unjustly accused of insincerity and vagueness concerning their proposals, and on no better grounds than the fact that they could not be expected to develop and explain them on a motion of urgency for the better administration of justice where remedial measures had failed. For the statement that the bill was framed with the object of securing the collection of excessive rents there was no excuse or justification whatever.

Mr. Chamberlain said he had never for a moment wavered in his opinion that remedial measures could have no possible chance of success while the National League was regarded by a majority of the people of Ireland as a supreme authority in matters concerning the relations between landlord and tenant. If, said he, public speaking in Ireland were stopped, the Parnellites could have the responsibility for bloodshed to the government.

Mr. William Henry Smith, in supporting a motion to adjourn, expressed hope that the debate would end.

Mr. Parnell hoped that it would not.

Mr. Healy remarked that from the remarks of Mr. Chamberlain he had heard for the first time the real object of the bill, the suppression of the National League. He expressed hope that the government would suppress the league, as in that event the Irish members would be relieved of great responsibility.

The Coercion Bill.

LONDON, March 25.—Upon the occasion of the introduction of the coercion bill, Mr. A. J. Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, will reply to Mr. Gladstone's demand that the house be informed what crime exists in Ireland that justifies the government's measure. A measure has been prepared by the lord lieutenant of Ireland to assist the chief secretary in obtaining the legislation required by the government in pursuance of its Irish policy.

Will Probably Disbar Him.

DUBLIN, March 25.—The action of Mr. Timothy Harrington, counsel for Father Keller, in contemptuously throwing out of the window Judge Boyd's summons to Father Keller, at Youghal, has aroused the indignation of many Irish barristers, and they are appending their names to a petition now circulating praying for his disbarment.

Russian Conspirator in America

BERLIN, March 25.—Berlin and provincial German papers state that DeGareff, the alleged chief conspirator against the life of the czar of Russia, is safe in America, and assert in support of the statement that appeals for money have been received by his friends in Europe since his arrival in America.

Stolen Letters

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—Letters containing money drafts, etc., to the value of $125,000 was stolen a few days ago from an Astrachan postoffice by Nihilists, who dug an underground passage to the building and entered it by cutting through the floor.

Manning and Jordan in Queenstown

QUEENSTOWN, March 25.—Secretary of the Treasury Manning and Treasurer Jordan, who arrived by the steamer Arizona to-day, are both well. The secretary seems to have been benefited by the voyage.

Tempest on the Ocean

LONDON, March 25.—Capt. Brooks, of the steamer Arizona, which arrived at Queenstown this morning from New York, reports that tempests prevailed during the entire passage. Nothing was seen of the racing yachts, Dauntless and Coronet.

Forty Officers Arrested

ODESSA, March 25.—Forty officers were arrested here to-day, they having been discovered to be members of revolutionary societies.

Serious Railroad Wreck

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 25.—A delayed freight train on the western division of the Norfolk & Western railroad met with a serious accident at Big Otter bridge, about fourteen miles above this city, yesterday evening at 5 o'clock. Workmen were engaged in putting up a new iron bridge to take the place of the old trestle, and from some unaccountable cause the western span gave way, precipitating eight cars a distance of sixty five or seventy feet to the creek below. So far as learned the following named persons were killed: Andy Toomer, Thomas Nolan, Charles Williams and George Trumble, all bridge hands, and several whose names have not been learned were seriously injured. None of the crew of the freight train were hurt. The scene of the accident being some distance from a telegraph station, only meagre accounts have been obtained to this hour.

An Assassination at Youngstown

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 25.—Yesterday evening, in Kilkenny, a suburb of this city, as Miss May Hancock, aged seventeen years, was walking with Wilber Knox, aged twenty one years, she was shot by Ebenezer Stanyard, aged twenty five years, her next door neighbor, whom she had refused to accept as a lover. As the young lady and Knox were passing Stanyard's gate, at which he stood, he fired six shots, the second or third shot taking effect, entering her head an inch above the right ear, and going through the brain. A bullet grazed Knox's head, the powder burning his face, and one ball cut a finger. The girl was taken to her father's house, where she died in a few minutes. Stanyard is said to be slightly crazy. He has not been arrested. He was arrested a few days ago for shooting within the city limits, but was fined and discharged.

A Social Sensation

RUTLAND, Vt., March 25.—Miss Gade, who eloped from Newark, N. J., with Dr. Jones, causing a great scandal in that city, was arrested here last night by a Newark detective. Jones has been living with her as his wife at the Brock house. Miss Gade is charged with taking with her a sealskin sacque, jewelry and clothing belonging to her fellow boarders in Newark, also $100 borrowed money from a Newark admirer, whom she jilted for the doctor. The doctor is a cancer specialist, displays his picture in his advertisements. He has done a good business here, and will probably remain. He seems indifferent as to the fate of his companion.

Sir John MacDonald to Be Promoted

MONTREAL, March 25.—A sensation has been caused by the receipt of a cablegram from London announcing that Sir John A. MacDonald, premier of Canada, is to resign and go to England as Canadian high commissioner, and that he will then be elected to the peerage and return governor general to succeed Lord Lansdowne. The report is generally believed here. A letter is published to-day from Edward Blake, resigning the leadership of the Liberal party in the Dominion.

Railroad Meeting Postponed.

TOLEDO, O., March 25.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Toledo, Columbus & Southern railroad it was attempted to vote 8[illegible] shares of new stock. Two factions claim the ownership of the road, and Judge Pike granted an injunction to the parties not in control, restraining the stockholders from carrying out their intentions. The writ was served by Sheriff Wade, who was compelled to force his way into the office. The meeting was finally postponed sixty days.

Will Work Independent

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 25.—At a meeting of the Master Painters association yesterday afternoon it was decided to work independent of the Knights of Labor and refuse to sign any scale of wages this year. They will treat their employes just as fairly, however, as though the scale were required, and will continue to pay the old wages of $3 per day. About 40 per cent. of the painters are union men. No serious trouble is anticipated.

Sale of the Stewart Painting

NEW YORK, March 25.—The sale of the Stewart painting was continued at Chickering hall. Sixty nine lots were sold, realizing $169,[illegible], making a total of $270,550 for the two nights' sale. The highest prices were for the "Disputed Boundary," by Erskine Nical, $15,250; "Environs of Fontainbleau," by F. Auguste Bonheur, $17,800; "The New Born Lamb," by Bonquereau, $5,700, and "A Visit to the Baby," by Munkascy, $8,700.

Burning Tramps Alive

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—The steamer Belgic, from China and Japan, which arrived to-day, brings information of the cremating of nearly three hundred tramps at Hsia Shih, China. A band of about three hundred tramps had just made their appearance at the town, and the inhabitants inveigled the entire band into a large building and set fire to it. All but forty perished.

School House Floor Gives Away

UTICA, N. Y., March 25.—At a Methodist Episcopal donation party held in a school house at Stello, the floor gave way and ten or fifteen persons were severely injured, being bruised, burned and scalded, and sustaining fractures of the limbs. None of the injured persons have died thus far.

Confessed to the Crime

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Marie Mattis, the nineteen year old girl arrested on suspicion of being the mother of the dead babe found in the well near the house, confessed to-day that it was her child and that she had thrown it into the well to conceal her shame. She was locked up.

Abolishing the Registry Tax

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 25.—In the house of representatives to-day the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution abolishing the registry tax and the property qualification was unanimously passed.

BIG BROOKLYN FAILURE.

AN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS CONCERN VANISHES

The Liabilities Will Reach $200,000 With Scarcely Any Assets—The President Skips Out to Canada—The Emerson Fisher Company Saves Itself

NEW YORK, March 25.—The Edmiston & Waddell company, of Brooklyn, manufacturers of agricultural implements, has failed with liabilities at $200,000 and no assets to speak of. The president of the company, John H. Edmiston, has skipped to Canada, and the other officers cannot be found. Everything has vanished. The walls, the ceiling and the floor only remain at the offices of the company, in Brooklyn. The stock has been gobbled by the largest creditor, whose agent was shrewd enough to save everything possible from the wreck. The books are out of sight. The business of the company is largely held by four New York banks, and hold very cheap. The creditors—poor fellows—find the air chilly, very chilly.

The story of the failure of the Edmiston & Waddell company is the old one with a few varieties. There were the two partners whose names appear in the firm name, and the father in law of Mr. Edmiston, who acted as head bookkeeper, had some stock, was a trustee and put his name to notes. For these privileges he has paid his fortune, $40,000, and returned to Rockwell, Ill. The partners were energetic, handled all the goods they could get out of the manufacturers, were visionary, perhaps, and saw big things. They sold to the small country dealers and directly to the farmers. They gave long time and took notes in payment. The firm would pay for goods in notes and discount them at the banks, putting up other paper as collateral. Collections were slow, they got pinched again and again, and some charged that they were driven to make false statements of liabilities and assets to get further credit. About three months ago they were tightly cramped. They stated their case to their creditors and were given an extension of time.

The Emerson & Fisher company, of Cincinnati, O., manufacturers of carriages, etc., has a bill of about $8,000 against the firm. President Edmiston offered to show them the books and stock, and said that if that was not satisfactory to assign the business to them and run it as their agent till the debt was paid. The Cincinnati company sent on Mr. Richie three weeks ago to take care of the matter. He is a shrewd, sharp business man, and saw at once that only the shell of the business remained. He had some telling interviews, got the stock in trade transferred to his company and proceeded to save wreckage. He sold what he could, shipped other stock to Cincinnati and pretty much canceled the indebtedness.

The two partners, Messrs. Edmiston and Waddell, had a month before begun to clear the decks. They had broken up their homes where they had lived in a modest fitting way, not extravagantly, and sent their families away. Now, anticipating something would drop with force, they also went away, and have simply vanished.

The American Exchange bank and the Bank of Commerce hold a good deal of the paper, on which they hope to realize something, and other banks have some also. Their losses will be hardly less than $10,000 or $15,000 apiece.

Death of Mrs. Nat Goodwin

NEW YORK, March 25.—Eliza Weathersby Goodwin is dead. At 9:45 o'clock last night she expired in the presence of her husband, the comedian Nat C. Goodwin, Jr., at their residence at the Rutland flats, Fifty seventh street and Broadway. There was no performance at the Bijou theater last night. A fair sized audience waited until 8½ o'clock, and were then dismissed with the announcement that Mr. Goodwin was detained at the deathbed of his wife. An attempt had previously been made to substitute "The Mascot" for the regular performance, and Young Frank Deshon was on hand to play Lorenzo, but other important characters could not be filled, and the theater had to be closed. Mrs. Goodwin had been in failing health for several years. Dr. Sims performed an ovarian operation at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, assisted by Drs. Robertson and Trent. The operation occupied two hours, and the patient was unable to recover from the effects and died without regaining consciousness.

Will Move for a New Trial

NEW YORK, March 25.—There is no probability that District Attorney Martine will move for a second trial for Alderman Cleary for several weeks to come. Both the district attorney and his assistants are completely worn out. Mr. Nicoll is confined to his bed to-day with nervous prostration. The district attorney informed a United Press reporter to-day that he had not yet determined what course to pursue regarding Cleary. "The result of the trial is a complete surprise," he said. "Our case was certainly as strong against him as against any of the convicted boodlers. I shall probably move for a retrial of the case to-morrow, although I have by no means concluded to abandon it."

Virginia's Debt

RICHMOND, Va., March 25.—Governor Lee to-day received a cablegram from the chairman of the council of foreign bondholders stating that a commissioner would be sent to Virginia to confer with representatives of the state, with a view to reaching a settlement of the debt, provided assurance is given by action of the legislature that the basis of any agreement which may be reached shall mean available revenue. Immediately upon its receipt the governor sent copies of the cablegram to both houses of the general assembly.

Arthur Memorial Exercises

ALBANY, N. Y., March 25.—Memorial exercises in honor of the late President Arthur will take place in the assembly chamber on the evening of April 20. Ex-Attorney General Brewster, of Philadelphia, and Chauncey M. Depew will deliver addresses.

Advancing Commutation Rates

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—On and after April 1 an advance of 20 per cent. will be made by the Pennsylvania Railroad company in the rates for quarterly commutation tickets.

BRIEF MENTION

News of the Day Compressed for the Hasty Peruser

Phil Lee, Miss Daly and Bob Miles were the winners of Thursday's races at New Orleans.

A new schedule of reduced freight rates on roads from Pittsburg west has been agreed upon.

The liabilities of James and John Hunter, of Philadelphia, so far discovered amount to $104,000.

In a three weeks' rat hunt near Bowersville, Greene county, Ohio, 10,5[illegible] rats and mice were killed.

Memorial services to the late President Arthur will be held in the assembly chamber at Albany, N. Y., April 20.

Alexander Dixon, postmaster of Fallsville, Newton county, Arkansas, is under arrest for rifling registered packages.

Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, has appointed sixty one special policemen for the Cambria Iron company, of Johnstown.

Five ruffians waylaid and outraged a twelve year old girl near Granton, Hudson county, N. J. The child died from her injuries.

A compilation of veto messages shows that Cleveland has thus far 118 vetoes. The total for all the presidents of the United States except Cleveland is 133.

William Darlington, a brakeman, was blown from the top of a box car by the wind, near New Madison, Ind. He fell between the cars and was killed.

A train on the Norfolk & Western railroad went through Big Otter river bridge, twenty miles above Lynchburg. It is stated that eight persons are killed.

Thursday's wind storms destroyed a brick dwelling in Bellevue, Ky., demolished B. Gray's foundry at Jackson, O., and unroofed a number of buildings at Gallipolis, O.

Gen. Cowen, special master of the McArthur will case, has about completed the work of selling off the lands covered by the decree entered last summer in the McArthur will case.

Eugene Higgins, appointment clerk in the treasury department, who has been largely advertised, intends to retire from the service of the United States to be warden of the county jail at Baltimore.

Foreign holders of Virginia bonds, after holding a council in London, have cabled Governor Lee that they will appoint commissioners to go to Virginia to confer with representatives of the state.

A suit of the receiver of the First National bank of Buffalo, against the directors of the bank, in which the receiver seeks to establish the liability of the directors for the bank's debts, has been dismissed by United States Judge Wheeler.

Ex Deputy United States Marshal Williams Bates, a well known character of Whitely county, Kentucky, shot and killed a man named Cheney, in a quarrel over cards at State Line, Ky. Bates is thirty years old, and has killed at least six men.

Four hangings will occur Friday, March 25: Jack Hatton, for murder, at Beatrice, Neb.; Amos Johnson, negro rapist, at Marion, Ark.; Thomas T. Harding, stage robbery, at Dillon, Mont.; Lee Shellenberger, for the murder of his eleven year old daughter, Maggie, at Nebraska City.

The Cincinnati Democratic convention was held at Price Hill Thursday, and the following ticket nominated: Mayor, Lime B. Matson; judge of the superior court, J. R. Sayler; treasurer, Val Nicholas; solicitor, Alfred M. Cohen; clerk of police court, William M. Day; prosecutor of police court, Edward Schwab; judge of police court, James V. Fitzgerald; infirmary directors, long term, James C. Burke.

Ex-Senator Lapham Seriously Ill

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 25.—Ex United States Senator Lapham is seriously ill.

Railroad Collision

NORTH EAST, Md., March 25.—A passenger train on the Baltimore & Philadelphia railway collided with a freight at Leslie at an early hour this morning. Both trains were badly wrecked and the locomotives entirely telescoped. On the passenger train were two car loads of emigrants, but no one outside of the crews of the locomotives was injured. George Craghan, fireman of the east bound train, was fatally, and Engineer George Roblnett and Fireman George Armstrong were severely injured. The accident is attributed to the engineer of the east bound train being late and trying to reach Sling city, the usual place of passing.

Not Lost at Sea

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—It has been supposed that all on board the Raltieo, which was burned at sea while on her way from this port to Tahiti, had perished, but a cablegram was received to-day, dated Auckland, New Zealand, from F. C. Johnson, who was a passenger, and who mentions the loss of the vessel and cargo, but says nothing of the fate of those on board. The inference is drawn that they all escaped in the same way that he did, though no particulars were given.

Jury in the Haddock Case

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, March 25.—Much to the surprise of every one a jury was obtained in the Haddock case yesterday. The following is the list: J. M. O'Connor, Tom Creely, John Madden, C. C. Bartlett, Dennis Murphy, David K. Iffer, W. D. Parnell, Tom Frazier, J. D. O'Connell, I. Webster, C. H. Gess and John Adair. The last named is the only resident of the city. Ten are farmers, and one a country merchant. The afternoon was taken up by the opening statement of the counsel.

Bank Decision

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 25.—Judge Wallace, in the United States circuit court to-day, in the case of the Central National bank of Boston against the New York, Rutland & Montreal Railway company, decided that the receivers' certificates issued by Receiver Van Valkenburg to the amount of $50,000 are a first lien upon the property of the railroad company in the hands of purchasers. A decree was ordered for the sale of the road to pay the certificates.

Postmaster and Son Arrested

FORT SMITH, Ark., March 25.—Alexander Dixon, postmaster of Fallsville, Newton county, and his son Ira Dixon, mail carrier, were arrested yesterday by Inspector Pul[illegible], of St. Louis, and Deputy Marshal [illegible], of this state, for rifling registered packages. They were lodged in the United States jail.

TALK WITH RAILROA

A NUMBER OF INTERVIEW
THE NEW LAW

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Carter Harrison

CHICAGO, March 24.—Carter
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BUTTE, Mont.,
States supreme court
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MARION must make another effort for gas The continuous evidence of what a boom such a find would bring to Marion makes it a duty upon our citizens to renew the research Because the first well was a failure is no sign that a second would be Findlay's first effort was not a success and many others proved failures, yet the gas and oil that has been discovered are paving the streets with gold, so to speak Many a dry well has been drilled in the Lima field yet the oil flows at the rate of hundreds of barrels daily The first effort in Marion was only a half effort at best A broken down machine was poorly handled and one difficulty followed another until the well was abandoned long before the company intended it should be, Inquiries still come in about the reported gusher here and they tend to show what might be and so long as there is no good evidence that gas and oil are foreign to this territory another effort should be made All the old fogies in Ohio could not check Marion's boom in the event of such a find

KANSAS furnishes an example in woman's rights as well as prohibition but the recent developments there show that women are not anxious to vote under the new law In the registration going on preparatory for next month's municipal elections—the only ones at which the law allows women to vote—the gentle sex do not seem to take much interest In Leavenworth which had about 18 000 inhabitants in 1880 only about 600 women have registered In Topeka, a town of about the size of Leavenworth, only some 500 have taken advantage of the law In a few places the women seem to be registering as numerously as the men, but in the main the registration is a discouragement to the ardent advocates of equal rights When it is remembered that Kansas only went part way in granting suffrage to women, it is easy to see that many women would not like such stinginess on the part of the state and would refuse to except any such half privilege

A CASE of wonderful surgery has come to light in New Bedford Mass Seventeen years ago Edward K Russell met with an accident in which the tendons of one of his legs were severed rendering the limb useless and last year the surgeon decided to make an attempt to remedy the defect The operation consisted of the transferring of two tendons from a dog, which had been etherized for the purpose, to Russell's limb, where they were united with the severed tendons in that member For ten months after the operation Russell was not allowed to use his leg, but within a few days he has been permitted to exercise it. He has now resumed his work and has complete control of the limb, the operation having proved to be an entire success This is the first time that this operation has been performed in this country, though it has been previously attempted with only partial success

SENATOR SHERMAN the Ohio man as he is now alluded to, is ostensibly making that southern trip for pleasure, but while the Senator has his left eye on the New South he is looking with the other toward the presidential nomination in 1888 The Senator seems to be making a remarkable success of his trip and other candidates can see but little pleasure for themselves while he is there Just what impression the trip has had on the great Ohio man will be seen after he begins his campaign speeches in 1888 The Senator has waved the 'bloody shirt'' pretty freely in the past, and the trip may have changed his mind on that subject, yet a few more Birmingham episodes will spoil all favorable impressions

WE remember how suggestions came pouring in after the terrible Milwaukee hotel fire, a couple of years ago for laws to govern the kind of materials to be used in the construction of hotels limiting the number of stories to which they could be built and requiring all sorts of escapes at every window Of course all recollections of the holocaust pass away before anything is thought of to provide against a repetition of such an occurrence A like volume of suggestions are now in order over the Buffalo cremation but we hope to see something tangible evolved from the brains of the thousands of architects who are plying their vocations in this country

FROM present reports it seems that Lima, Findlay and Fostoria are wonderfully heated and lighted There really appears to be no end to the surprises and wonders in the natural world But from the experiences of the Pennsylvania oil and gas fields it is demonstrated that there is a limit to the supply In the new fields they all appear to have at first from a large natural fed supply Of course in time this is exhausted and reliance must be placed upon the natural production and supply But from present indications this supply is immense and to a certain extent unlimited

CARTER HARRISON has accepted the nomination as Mayor of Chicago for a third term Mr Harrison declined the nomination, but the urgency of friends induced him to accept

DR SOWERS appears to be another of those individuals anxious to obtain notoriety through the names of the great or the presumably great The doctor has been greatly alarmed lately lest President Cleveland shall become too fat, and the good doctor went to the trouble to warn his fatship through the columns of the press that he was taking on too much adipose tissue and taking too little exercise Grover does not seem to be alarmed, although the doctor makes as much fuss as an old hen with a brood of ducks, and Dan Lamont says Grover does not weigh as much as when he came to the White House and that he takes plenty of exercise

A DECISION has been rendered by the General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor ordering local branches from voting money for political purposes The order is a wise one for the Knights can act more becoming in politics as individual self thinking citizens than they can as the slaves of such cranks as Henry George We rather suspect that Mr George will change his theories when he realizes that revenue is to be cut off from such misguided followers

THE pencil pushing fraternity is discussing the pass question to a considerable extent, and a good many of the brethren seem worried Basing a decision on actual experience we are of the opinion that the editor who has plenty of business and attends to it doesn't care for he hasn't the time to ride out one fourth what his passes cost him in advertising Like all other passes extended to a live paper, they cost more than the usual price where money is paid

IF the boys in the signal service department will stop kicking about the failure of Congress to properly appropriate funds for them, and show us for a few days that they really know something about weather signals then we will propose a popular subscription that will soon be large enough to keep the whole department in cigarettes for a year But we must have evidence that they know their business, and are only monkeying because funds are scarce

THE demand is for good councilmen Let good men be nominated in each party and then the uncertain and peculiar result of local election cannot place a poor member in that body It is not safe to rely on either party electing a good man to the council Let good men be on each ticket and the thing is certain Any man who neglects the nominating caucuses has no business kicking on the mismanagement of public affairs

YOU can tell by surroundings whether anarchists fest a neighborhood or not Outside of the great metropolis the state savings banks of the state of New York have $192 186,010 made up of small deposits Those workingmen probably don't spend much time listening to anarchists or any other 'ists' too lazy to work, but by their own industry better their own condition and desire no murderous upturning of the country

AN editor who has studied the situation says 'call in your railroad passes, it is safer to walk just now anyhow' That man's head is level The pass of the newspaper man is issued on the condition that the company is in no way liable for any accident that befalls him and the editorial 'dead head' as the world looks at him doesn't have any of the protection of the common passenger

AT Birmingham, Ala Tuesday, the proprietor of the first hotel at which Senator Sherman stopped, refused to allow a delegation of colored men to enter the parlor to pay their respects to Senator Sherman, whereupon the Senator immediately paid his bill and went to another hotel

A MAN who can not be suited in politics in Michigan would find fault with the kind of slippers worn to walk the golden streets of the New Jerusalem Five state tickets are now in the field there, and it is a fact that the crop of politics is only rivaled by the crop of sawdust

THE Cincinnati democrats have nominated Judge Matson as their candidate for mayor and the republicans have re-nominated Amor Smith The contest will doubtless prove a lively one but the chances are greatly in favor of Smith for he has proven a splendid executive

THE belief is prevalent at Washington, that Assistant Secretary Fairchild will positively be Manning's successor The appointment will not be made before April 1st, the date upon which Mr Manning's resignation takes effect

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND denies the statement that he is growing fatter day by day If there is one point above another on which Grover is sensitive it is any reference to his obesity

IT is stated that Judge Cooley will most likely be the president of the Inter State Commerce Commission and it is said this will accord exactly with the wishes of the President

THE Lower House of the New Jersey Legislature passed unanimously the bill giving women the right to vote for school trustees in school districts

No cure no pay On these terms try a bottle of Hall's Peerless Worm Specific J Plinsen & Co

BOGUS LITERARY REPUTATIONS

Fashionable Folks Who Masquerade in Other People's Talent—A Curious Craze

I have a young friend a really talented fellow who if he had been cast upon the town would have made a place for himself in literature He happens to enjoy a competency however, and takes life far too easily to disturb himself with more serious employment than the killing of time He is fond of making literary experiments in his more industrious moments, and has quite a collection of manuscript stowed away in his desk which he is continually promising himself to revise and polish up for publication Some of these affairs, stories, sketches, little farces fragments of verse, he has read to me, and they have invariably been sufficiently ingenious in construction and good in quality to impress themselves upon my memory

Judge my amazement, therefore when I found one of the stories I had listened to over the cigars and grog in his apartments printed in a prominent magazine a week or so ago Judge of my further astonishment when I noted that it was credited not to the real author but to a certain woman who enjoys quite a literary reputation in society one of the swell amateurs who have made writing for the press a fashion There had been a sort of sentimental weakness on my friend's part for this person I knew It was evident now that it had gone the length of his lending her his talent to masquerade in

I got quite a collection of her other stories together or rather of those she has been credited with writing and read them attentively There was no mistaking their authorship Every one bore the earmarks of my idle amateur who would not take the trouble to seek an outlet for his talent but was ready to bestow it on a woman who had caught his platonic fancy When I next met him I taxed him with this injustice to himself but he laughed the reproof lightly off

'Bless your innocent soul!' he said 'They all do it Do you suppose the stories Miss X and Mrs Y sign are any more original with them than Mrs Z's are with her? The only difference is that they buy theirs from some professional scribbler Mrs Z happens to get hers for a less substantial price

Curiously enough only a couple of nights later I encountered at the theatre an able literary hack whom I have known for many years He looked unusually prosperous considering his old estate He was he said earning a good salary as sub editor on a morning paper and putting in his old time writing stories and poetry As I had never seen any of these in print I remarked upon it He answered, a little embarrassed

'Well you see I don't print them over my own name

I supposed he meant that he used a nom de plume and as he exhibited no desire to be confidential I pressed my inquiries no further I have since learned that he has for months been supplying one of our society geniuses with manuscript which that person adopts as her own She pays him handsomely for the work and probably gives the manuscript away for the sake of getting it into type

There must be plenty of kindred cases to these for the literary craze is fairly rampant in society and where two examples of this form of fraud are to be found you may be bound that others exist However, it is so rarely that literature gets the benefit of a fashionable fad that we can condone an evil that has a certain alloy of good In the excesses to which vanity will run this is perhaps the most curious —Alfred Trumble in The Journalist

A Mexican 'Masher'

The impudence and daring of some of these characterless Mexican adventurers whom one meets in tertulias here is almost beyond belief During the reign of the late Emperor Maximilian and his 'poor Carlotta' one of these fellows with ideas more lordly and enlarged than are usually to be found among such gentry not content with having run the gauntlet of fortune with success and impunity nor satisfied with the advantages which his youth good looks and assurance had procured him had actually the vanity to imagine that his manifold attractions had won the notice of the empress After various preliminary reconnoiterings with his opera glass of the royal box at the Teatro Nacional he determined on a closer investigation Through one of those persons who are only too apt to lend their influence to such abuses of royal condescension he requested and obtained an audience with the empress

On being admitted to her presence he made a grandiloquent speech concluding in the oriental manner by presenting to her between his forefinger and thumb a fragrant nosegay Carlotta invariably kind and affable to every one, though greatly astonished at the fellow's presumption received the gift with her usual urbanity not meaning to hurt the feelings of the donor A perfumed billet couleur de rose, dropped from the bouquet to the carpet The adventurer was very thankful to be only kicked out for his daring, but the forbearance of the empress emboldened him to continue his indiscreet attentions to the royal box at the teatro until his conduct was observed by Maximilian who on finding him to be the hero of the bouquet ordered him off immediately to the penitentiary of Belem On the fall of the empire he was released whereupon he immediately made his reappearance in the tertulias of Mexico and was received as readily as if he had just stepped out of the purifying waters of the Jordan —Mexico Cor Kansas City Times

Courting in Ancient New York

Grant Thorburn, the seedsman won his wife in spite of a Mr Casteel whom he describes as a rich merchant At that time there were not six men in New York of equal wealth What constituted a rich merchant in these primeval and halcyon days! Here is Thorburn's inventory of Casteel's wealth Mr C * * * owns two houses and stores in Broadway, besides a well filled store of jewels, etc Think of that for a merchant prince!

His story of the conduct of his courtship gives a hint as to the size of the New York city of the last decade of the Eighteenth century 'New York was like a village compared with its present appearance You could walk from the City hotel to the Battery at 9 o'clock in the evening and not meet a passer by After supper we walked out together * * We now stood by the gate of Trinity church * * * I raised my arm she bent her swanlike neck and on that spot received my first kiss A full orbed moon and the eyes of Omnipotence alone witnessed that kiss' —New York Times

The trawl fishing enterprise recently undertaken in Puget sound has proved very successful, sole, cod and rock cod being caught in abundance —Chicago Times

The Chinese minister recently called on the president with his jade ring, a charm against evil influences, on his hand

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Coins of the Confederacy

A correspondent asks if there were any coins made by the southern Confederacy I answer yes however much it may have been denied There were four silver half dollars coined and no more The difficulty of obtaining bullion forced the mint to close April 30 1861 One is owned by Professor Biddle of the Louisiana university and another is in the possession of Dr Ames of New Orleans I do not know where the other two are Copies may have since been struck from the same die On the obverse of the coin is a representation of the Goddess of Liberty surrounded by thirteen stars denoting the thirteen states from which the Confederacy sprung and on the lower rim the figures 1861 On the reverse there is a shield with seven stars representing the seceding states, above the shield is a liberty cap and entwined around it are stalks of sugar cane and cotton and Confederate States of America —"Observer" in Philadelphia

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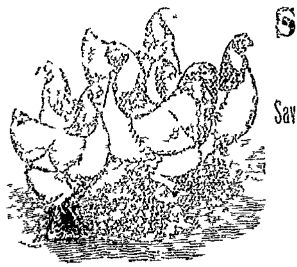

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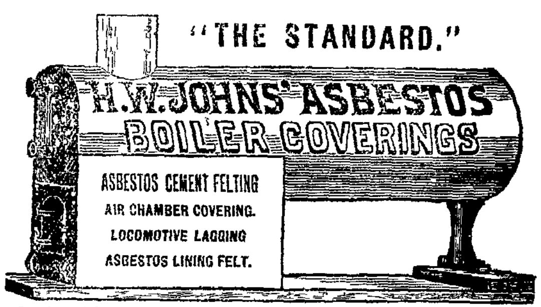

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ANOTHER case of might against right which is exciting a great amount of indignation is that of the Northern Pacific Railroad vs Guilford Miller, who took up a piece of land under the Homestead law, in 1884 outside of the limits of the Northern Pacific land grant and fifty miles from the line of the road The farm seems to have been a desirable one and the Northern Pacific *made a grab* for it, in which Attorney General Garland was appealed to, and on Saturday that official gave an opinion to the effect that the big corporation must have the *land and the poor farmer "must go"* It is ever thus the poor settler seems to *have no rights* to be respected when such rights interfere with the will of this corporation *The New York* Herald directs the attention of President Cleveland to this injustice in an editorial, wherein it quotes a pledge in the Democratic platform of 1884, promising "the strict enforcement of individual rights against corporate abuses" The *Herald recommends* the President to 'clear out this vile nest which has become a *department of injustice* and put in men who will keep sacred the promises of the *Democratic platform*

THE Pavey amendment to *the Dow* law which has passed both Houses of the Legislature is commonly spoken of as the same in effect as the Brown amendment which was not adopted *There is*, however a slight difference The Brown amendment forbade all gallon sales *in municipalities adopting* prohibition The Pavey amendment, on the contrary, *permits gallon sales at the* manufactory In prohibitory municipalities where there is no manufactory, the operation of the two amendments would be identical, but where a manufactory now exists or may hereafter exist, the operation of the two amendments *would be very different* and there the Pavey amendment will be found to be almost *worthless It is not probable*, however, that any municipality now containing a brewery will prohibit on any plan, and even if such be the case parties who will buy at wholesale might as well purchase at one place as another Country breweries are generally beyond corporate limits anyhow and the friends of the Dow law are very much pleased *with the amendment that makes it what* was really intended at the outset

THE Czar is a much frightened monarch, and has been a very foolish one The news shows that the plots that surrounded his coming to the throne have now been renewed in all their fury Had he been wise enough a year or two ago to give Russia a constitution he *might*, instead of being a terror stricken *self made prisoner*, escorted from palace to palace by an army of guards and detectives, now be hailed as *the greatest* benefactor of his people Under constitutional government he would sacrifice no power really worth his possessing In clinging to absolutism the Czar makes it probable that when Russia revolts, she will make the clear plunge from despotism to democracy

THE Sixty-seventh General Assembly of Ohio adjourned Monday sine die The members of both branches were in the good humor expected at a final adjournment, and were apparently greatly pleased with themselves and everything in general There can be no doubt but the Sixty seventh has done some good work, and its efforts to meet the wants of and please its constituency when for the general good of the commonwealth, have been decisive The total mass of bills and resolutions offered at the present *session reached 1755 of these 240* Senate bills and 6 House bills have become laws and 60 of the joint resolutions were adopted

THE Arnett temperance instruction bill failed to become a law by a majority of but one vote in the Senate after it had passed the House The defeat, while it may disappoint its friends is by no means a cause for discouragement There is little doubt that if certain technicalities had been slightly modified it would have become a law The principle is good and must command respect from all well thinking people It was merely a question of detail which deferred the time when the essential point shall become a law and this should not again be allowed to be overshadowed by matters of secondary importance

NEW JERSEY has voted down high license by the adoption of a bill in the lower house of the Legislature making the maximum fee in towns $100 and $200 in cities Having virtually given free rein to the rum seller and treated the country to a scandalous exhibition of the power of fraud in the election of a United States Senator the Jerseymen ought to go home and hide for very shame They have done only evil continually

THE investigation by the railroad commissioners into the causes of the recent Roslindale disaster still progresses the testimony going to show that the bridge had been condemned as unsafe by Civil Engineer Pomeroy and right in the face of his warnings it seems strange that trains were allowed to run over the bridge at the rate of speed they did

IT will be of vast interest to a great many persons to observe that the law defining the rights and liabilities of husband and wife in Ohio, is greatly different from what it was a week ago The second amended House Bill No 41 has *become part of the Revised Statutes* The changes are far reaching and were advocated on the ground *that modern* thought favors the equalization of property rights between husband and wife The changes may be grouped under three heads

1 Hereafter a married woman may contract generally, mortgage, lease or *convey her property* to the same extent and in the same manner as a married *man may his property*

2 The husband will have the same interest in the property of the wife which the wife formerly had and which she will continue to have in the property of her husband

3 Neither the husband nor the wife as such, will be liable for the contracts or torts of the other

Following are some of the changes which are the more marked of those made

Neither husband nor wife has any interest in the property of the other except as provided by statute

The estate by the curtesy is abolished but nothing in the act effects vested rights

The husband must support himself his wife and his minor children out of his property *or by his labor If he is* unable to do so the wife must assist him so far as able

PROHIBITIONISTS have pointed with pride to Maine as a state where prohibition prohibits but it is an interesting fact that while a prohibitory law exists there the United States government derives a share of its revenue from the liquor dealers of the state The argus eyed Maine legislators have noticed this fact, and the liquor law just passed in Maine makes *the payment of a United* States tax prima facie evidence of the illegal sale of liquors for the reason that a druggist is not required to pay that tax for using liquors in compounding bona fide medicines The new law makes the penalty in the first conviction for a violation of the act thirty days imprisonment as well as a fine, and prohibits *the sale of cider for tippling purposes*

MAYOR CARTER HARRISON, of Chicago does not want another term He says the office is laborious and that he anticipates stormy times in the next two years in connection with the Anarchist population of that cosmopolitan city "If I should be elected Mayor again" he says "I should feel that I would not dare be away from the city where a half day's ride would not bring me home This seems at this distance to be a very pessimistic view *of the future of Chicago* but Mayor Harrison has unusual opportunities of knowing *his ll ome He* may be right

THE talk about Don Cameron's becoming *a candidate for the Presidency* seems to mean that the old Stalwarts though now without a leader and without any sort of organization, have not forgotten that it was Blaine who defeated them in 1880 and have determined to have revenge in 1888 It does not appear likely that there is serious thought of nominating Cameron The indications are simply *that Cameron is to be placed* at the head of a movement hostile to Blaine and consequently favorable to Sherman or the field

JUDGE WHITE, at Springfield has decided that notes given for Bohemian oats are valid in the hands of third parties This decision was what was to be expected unless the whole business of buying and selling commercial paper were to be seriously impeded to the detriment of commerce and trade The moral of *the decision for our agricultural friends* is, keep out of the Bohemian oats business altogether —State Journal

THE President, *after a great deal of* difficulty has succeeded in selecting an Inter State Commerce Commission The new body is made up politically of three democrats one mugwump and one republican

The Grammar was Bad

A young lady was sitting with her lover in a charmingly decorated recess On her face was a diminutive niece In an adjoining room with the door open were the rest of the company Says the little niece, in a jealous and very audible voice "auntie kiss me too" I leave you to imagine what had happened You should say twice I thel, dear two is not grammar" was the immediate rejoinder Clever girl —Critic

An Odd Character

New York city has an odd character who delights in fooling people by posing as a wax figure He is over 50 years old dresses well and is often taken for a wax figure as he sits with an umbrella or cane across his lap and a programme in front of him The superintendent of the museo thinks of putting him in the catalogue —Chicago Times

Gelatine Capsules

The Southern Practitioner says that the gelatine capsules so much used in the administration of unpleasant medicines are insoluble in alcohol For this reason it is useless to give medicine in this form to inebriates or for some days after the use of spirits

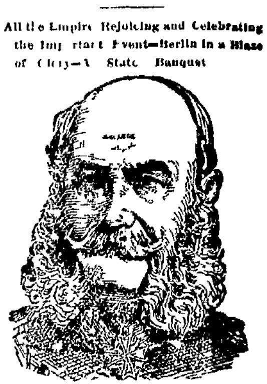
Enough to Distort Them

In Germany the park statues are enveloped in wrappers during the winter —Exchange If they are red flannel wrappers, the effect must be picturesque But is not the practice detrimental to the statues? The itching produced by an ordinary flannel wrapper is enough to distort even features of marble —New Haven News

THE EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY

GERMANY'S RULER ENTERS UPON HIS NINETY-FIRST YEAR

All the Empire Rejoicing and Celebrating the Important Event—Berlin in a Blaze of Glory—A State Banquet


WILLIAM EMPEROR OF GERMANY

BERLIN, March 22 —The city was crowded to overflowing with strangers yesterday, the *streets profusely decorated with* flags, streamers banners etc and the hotels *restaurants beer houses and other* public places wholly unable to accommodate even *half the number of people who sought entertainment*. All day long the police had been *surrounded by crowds so vast that it seemed* as though all Germany had come to the capitol to rejoice that the emperor had entered upon the ninety first year of his age

The people surrounding the imperial palace as well as those who thronged the streets would now and again chorus the National anthem or some German song of rejoicing at the conclusion of which as if by preconcert *they would break into a hearty cheer* loud and long enough to rattle the windows of the houses near by Flags and flowers were everywhere seen and the enthusiasm shown upon this occasion surpasses that of the emperor's last anniversary or any other season of rejoicing in the history of the empire

At the conclusion of the state banquet vast crowds of people thronged the streets and the environs of the palace watching the departure of the guests as they had also watched their arrival The students marched five abreast each with a sword in one hand and a torch in the other Some of them were on horseback and their evolutions in front of *the palace* where they were reviewed by the emperor and his guests from the windows, with their flitting torches and numerous bands of music playing national airs made a grand scenic display

The royal personages present representing foreign monarchs were enthusiastically *cheered by the people and* especial attention in this respect was paid to the Prince of Wales, the Arch Duke Rudolph of Austria and the Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia

The emperor gave a state dinner to the visiting royalties in the evening previous to which a torchlight procession composed *mainly of students* of whom there were thousands in line marched by the palace and were reviewed by the emperor and empress The emperor looked well and as he stood erect occasionally bowing in acknowledgement of the cheers of the passers-by he was several times hailed from the ranks as the *guardian of the peace of the world*

The homage of the multitude completely overcome the emperor, and he was several times compelled to withdraw from the window to conceal his emotion The students sang hymns anthems and old songs of the fatherland as they passed, and these were taken up by the crowd in a grand chorus never equaled in volume in the German capital Prince Bismarck and Gen Von Moltke were also the recipients of an ovation at the hands of the students and the multitude and were much moved by the expressions of veneration showered upon them. The Prince *of Wales* was the first one of the royal visitors to visit the emperor and empress The Chinese envoy informed the emperor that a number of valuable presents had been sent to him by the emperor of China but had not yet arrived The King of Portugal sent the emperor a magnificent sword

The National Zeitung speaking of the anniversary says it cannot but regard the signs of peace which come from all sides as testifying that the occasion must and will be accepted as an European peace festival

Rumors are flying thick and fast of important appointments and promotions in *honor of the emperor's birthday Among* them are the statements that the Grand Duke of Baden is to be made King of Baden and that Prince Bismarck is to be created Duke of Lauenburg

Asks to Be Relieved

WASHINGTON March 19 —A postmaster in Michigan who wants to be relieved from the duties of his office has addressed Postmaster General Vilas as follows When does my sentence expire? It can't be that I am doomed for life unless I find a Pythias to take my place Twice have I resigned, but the *fates might as well try to shake off his fetters as* silent contempt has been the fate of my epistles Oh please good Mister Postmaster General, let me go and I promise never to do so again I will never sign another petition to start a postoffice on cross roads if my name figures as its master Besides I am an *offensive partisan and really should be fired* for I made campaign speeches and am liable to do it again I shall watch the incoming mails with an eager eye hoping, yes must hope that my pardon may come and set me free

Postmaster

Brigham Young's Sunflowers.

The traveler on the overland train may trace the path over which Brigham Young and his lieutenants led the hosts of *infatuated fanatics for it is marked by* lines of golden sunflowers which in the summer months glorify the monotonous landscape with their splendid color The seeds of this flower were sown by those that went first for the benefit of those who should follow Lack of fuel is one of the greatest hardships that meets the emigrant in crossing the plains for nothing grows upon the desolate alkali without irrigation Brigham Young discovered however that the sunflower would thrive in a soil which produced nothing spontaneously and as it grows here to a great height, the dried stalks have proved a blessing to the occupants of many an emigrant wagon, whether Mormon or Gentile —Cor Boston Transcript

Grief and Business

There is a story of a Chicago man who lost his brother by death and called on an undertaker He asked the undertaker how much it would cost to keep the body on ice until the funeral and being told the price said

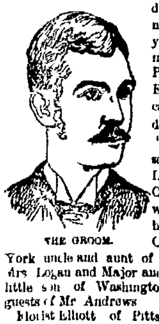
I suppose you will give me a discount My brother had his feet frozen before he died. He was caught out in a blizzard

The undertaker gave the bereaved, mourning brother ten per cent. off on account of the feet —Puck Sun

A BRILLIANT WEDDING

John A Logan and Miss Edith H Andrews Married at Youngstown Ohio.

YOUNGSTOWN, O, March 22 —John A. Logan was married to Miss Edith H Andrews to-day at noon. He arrived yesterday with his mother via the Pittsburg & Lake Erie road They came in C H Andrews private car "Youngstown" the same used by Gen Logan in his tour of Ohio in 1884 and were accompanied by Mr and Mrs W C Andrews, of New York uncle and aunt of the bride Dr and Mrs Logan and Major and Mrs Tucker and little son of Washington. They are the guests of Mr Andrews


THE GROOM.

Florist Elliott of Pittsburg and four or five assistants arrived with a carload of flowers which were used in decorating the rooms three of which, the parlor main hall and library, were thrown open, having a floral vista of seventy five feet made to appear interminable by mirror reflections Mr Elliott says the Andrews floral order was the largest and most costly ever contracted for in Pittsburg He walked down into the basement of the Andrews house and pointed out roses six inches in diameter and almost worth their weight in gold Some of the flowers were imported There was a wire arch ten feet high which was covered *and twined with roses and in front of which* the couple were married

Guests were in attendance from Philadelphia New York Pittsburg, Chicago Cleveland and other cities The ceremony was witnessed by about 100 people. The bride's father Chauncey H Andrews is a stock holder in the Standard Oil company, and has been identified with it ever since its organization. He has very large coal and iron interests is connected with two or three local banks is president of the Pittsburg, Cleveland & Toledo railroad, *president of the Mahoning Gas Fuel* company and with his brother W C Andrews of New York has an interest in the steam heating company in New York city He is a stockholder in the Hocking Valley railroad

THE BRIDE

Mr Andrews gift was a valuable house and lot in a central part of the town He *was a pallbearer at the funeral of Gen Logan* and the bride-elect was among the mourners.

A large crate of cut glass consisting of decanters mugs, vases and ornaments came from Chicago from Mrs John A Logan to her son and daughter in law

An artist for an eastern paper to-day made a sketch of the house and there is as much uproar as though a king was to be crowned

The Beggars of Constantinople.

Generally the eye first rests upon one of the numerous beggars who are always at hand muttering their words of praise to the donor of a penny or their curses to the unheeding passenger The majority are blind, or pretend to be so, and each one has his preferred spot, where he sits in his rags, perfectly oblivious to all *but his* own wants Others are hideously maimed, and the offensive part is always held up to view, in the hope of exciting pity These are mostly men The women and children have their beaten track, over which they follow people and implore alms They seem to go no further, and often by the emphatic repetition of "hiddy git" we rid ourselves of them sooner We seldom see them rewarded, except by Turkish subjects, and it is said that they give freely as the Koran requires it of them They are particularly generous on all days of *special religious observance* At such times these beggars congregate in the most attractive places and doubtless make large sums —Constantinople Cor San Francisco Chronicle

How Ned Buntline Lived

His time was pretty equally divided—"all summer in the field all winter in the study" In a letter to the writer he once remarked that he had no love for the cities, but was happiest in the camp with the music of birds and breeze and rustling branches and flowing waters around him His hunting experiences embrace all kinds of game and his rambles with gun and rod extended to every quarter of the United States He preferred buffalo, elk and antelope hunting to all other field sports and in angling cared for only salmon and trout fishing His library, sanctum and armory he remarked were one Gun cases sabres fly rods pistols, etc could be seen in every corner and around his bookcases were many relics of the field and stream, The picturesque sanctum of the novelist and sportsman is carefully kept in order by loving hands, and the casual visitor at the Eagle's Nest may behold it in much the same condition as when the gifted Ned Buntline lived —Will Wildwood in Turf, Field and Farm

Rival Lines in Japan

We hear *a great deal about* rival telegraph lines and the expedients to which different companies resort to cripple one another such as cutting rates etc but, according to a writer in Good Cheer, the spiders of Japan resent the competition of telegraph thread spinners in an original *and effective manner Spiders are one of* the great obstacles to telegraphers in Japan Filling the trees along the line these insects spin their webs between the earth, the wires the post the insulators and the trees When these webs become wet with dew they constitute a good conductor and the lines are found to be in connection with the earth The only method of obviating this inconvenience is by employing brooms of bamboo to brush away the webs But, as the spiders are more active than the workmen employed in this work the difficulty is not the less serious —Swiss Cross

A Voice from the West

Uncle Seth (from Chicago who has been asked to meet Lord and Lady Haggergags)—It's just like your little island to swell up over the fish question because you know you can git at these down east sea ports. But if you want ter git the prairie swept up with yer come out west Lord an try ter bluff us on th' beef question!—Tid Bits.

Mark Twain's Million

Mark Twain is said to have $1 000 000 safely invested in such a way that he can't be taxed a red cent on it, and his wife can't marry again if he dies and enjoy a dollar of it He isn't funny any more He doesn't have to be —Detroit Free Press

THE SUMAC INDUSTRY.

ACCOUNT OF A CORRESPONDENT FROM THE ISLAND OF SICILY

Methods of Cultivation in the Great Sumac Districts—Gathering the Crop of Leaves—On the Threshing Floor Virginia's Product

Sicilian sumac stands first in all the markets of the world This is due to the great care bestowed upon its gathering and curing The sumac is a native of Africa and Syria *For centuries it has* been grown in Sicily but it is not indigenous to that island where its seed seldom comes to perfection and it is propagated by sprouts and suckers In Africa the seed which is perfect is used as a condiment The sumac belongs to the genus Rhus—turpentine family There are many varieties of this shrub some of which are used in tanning others in dyeing and others again in medicine The Rhus Coriaria (known here as the common sumac) is generally cultivated in Sicily Palermo and Trapani are the great sumac districts *It is also grown* in the province of Catania but is at present seldom to be met with in the province of Messina It grows wild in certain sections where it propagates by suckers The cultivated sumac is very bushy Under favorable conditions of soil and climate it grows from nine to twelve *feet* high but as it is annually topped it does not attain a height greater than three feet—one year's growth of wood It thrives where the orange tree and cotton plant have their home It is also well adapted to a temperate climate A warm, *calcareo silicious porous soil suits it best.*

METHODS OF CULTIVATION

The sumac is worked in December or January The suckers are then removed from the old plants and set out in the grove When the leaves sell for 1 1 2 cents per pound suckers bring 1 cent apiece Suckers should be straight one half inches in diameter fifteen inches high and well supplied with fibrous roots They are set out in parallel rows running with the slope of the land—5 000 to the acre and trimmed down to within six inches of the ground They are cultivated by hand a long broad grubbing hoe (zappa) being used The earth is drawn up to the plants that the rain may run off During the first year—from December to September—the sumac is worked seven times in December February and April, deep grubbings in May the earth is leveled and three light workings follow between June and September During the second and subsequent years it is worked in December and the earth is leveled in March heavy rains seldom occurring in Sicily during the spring The third and last working is in May At three years the sumac is full grown Its innumerable suckers must then be removed or they will enfeeble the plant

The first year the sumac bears but few leaves which mature late, are light and have neither the color nor the aroma of those of the adult shrub During August and September the large leaves are gathered, and the tender ones on the tips of the branches, are left until they are mature in October In January the plants are cut down to a height of six inches Plants of two years and over are either topped and trimmed before their leaves are gathered (a considerable saving of labor, but by topping the shrubs in mid summer their longevity and productiveness are diminished) or stripped of their leaves in May June August or September and pruned in December or January following Men only are employed for pruning As each man gathers an armful of branches or twigs he piles them on the ground in rows in such a manner as to expose as little surface as possible to the sun which bleaches and scorches the leaves, diminishing their market value The rows are run in the direction of the prevailing winds to avoid loss by the scattering of the leaves Should the branches and twigs be exposed to a shower while lying on the ground their leaves suffer greatly both in quality and weight Twenty days after the main harvesting the suckers are in turn stripped of their leaves Women and children gather the leaves

ON THE THRASHING FLOOR

After a few days of dry warm weather the crop is carried to the thrashing floor, and the leaves are whipped off with the old fashioned flail and baled The twigs are tied in bundles and sold for firewood When the leaves are stripped by hand they are at once carried to the storehouse and turned over three or four times a day with pitchforks to prevent overheating and fermentation These leaves are thus cured in four or five days, baled and sent to the mills to be ground

The price of sumac depends upon the color of the leaves which should be bright green when put upon the market Cured leaves from a one year old bush are of a dull green color those of the September gathering are blackish in hue Care is taken not to mix the different varieties Four qualities of sumac are quoted on the market First quality whole leaves free from trash shipped in bales second quality, thrashed sumac third quality, leaves from one year old shrubs fourth quality, leaves of September gathering

The sumac grows spontaneously in various sections of the United States on poor rough and abandoned lands and hill sides It has never been subjected to cultivation, though there appears no reason why it may not be In Virginia the price of the raw product as delivered to the mills varies with different seasons and conditions all the way from twenty five cents to seventy five cents per 100 pounds which is very much less than what Sicilian sumac brings in its own market The duty on ground sumac entering the United States is three tenths of one cent per pound —San Francisco Chronicle

Homicide by a Devout Boer

In the last number of The Tydschrift a 'Diary of a Boer in the Kafir commando is published We extract two consecutive entries Sunday Feb 23 No Kafirs in sight Held divine service Prayer meeting at night—a blessed time Monday, Feb 24 Saw Kafirs on the hills Commando went out and shot thirty four besides a number that got away wounded Thanksgiving service in the evening on return to camp Sang psalm 107, and went on sentry Shot two Kafirs —Pall Mall Gazette

Philadelphia's Building Societies

The 800 active building societies of Philadelphia are carrying mortgages on real estate to the amount of $50 000 000 These mortgages are being paid off in monthly sums ranging from $5 to $50 monthly Three fourths of these mortgages are on small houses worth from *$800 to $3 000, and the occupants, instead* of paying rent are paying off the mortgages and will eventually own their houses at a cost but little more than they would have paid for rent —New Orleans Times Democrat

OUR BABY

FIGURATIVELY DESCRIBED BY HIS LITTLE SISTER.

Our baby is a 1der rare
He's awful cunning 2,
And well his worth 3 pays the share
Of work 4 him I do

I hope he will survive, although
He's squeezed almost to death
It makes him 6 sometimes I know
And takes away his breath

Our home is 7 since there came
The angel from above
He's so affection8 His name
Is Tootsey Wootsey Love

He makes our papa look be9
And feel a 10der joy
I pray he never will incline
B a 0L boy

When he's a male his eyes are blue
I lift him when I can
He'll B 8011
I lift up when he's a man
—H C Dodge in Goodall's Sun.

The Wrong Man's Deal

It is Mr Blumenthal's deal and Mr Cohen polishes his glasses hurriedly with a view to making a careful survey of the shuffle Mr Blumenthal's friend Mr Dinkelstein considers it an appropriate occasion for a remark

Mister Cohen I bet you vas a cood chudch of diamond Vill you kindly look at dis chenuine blue vite sdeen carat — Ox guse me replies Mr Cohen without removing his eyes from the pack I gifs no attention to diamonds on Chakey Blumenthal's deal I vas lookin for glubs —New York Sun

The Unsatisfied Wail

Soon the frost will have taken
Its grip from the earth
And the spirit be awaken
But its flowers and mirth
No more on the plain
We'll drop with a thud
Instead we'll be living—
Great Caesar what mud!
—Boston Budget.

She Trusted the Lord

First Christian Lady—I's gwine ter church to tank de Laud dey ain't no mo erfquakes Ain't yo gwine too my sister?

Second Lady—No, no my sister, I no *gwine! Will you attend de brick church?*

First Lady—Do brick church fo tru' but don yo trus de Laud?

Second Lady—I trus de Laud aw my sister I trus' um but I neber fool wil um — Life

A Colorable Case

The Widow (three years) Larmier—Atticus I—er—intend to lighten my mourning after Lent and I'm afraid your color is a *little too dark for the—er circumstances*. So if you know of anybody one of your race several shades lighter I think you could get a place with poor dear Mrs Lightfoot who has just lost Mr L so we can all be nicely accommodated —Life

Unfavorable Conditions

Sitter (in position for photograph)—By the way what do you charge for photographs?

Photographer—Nine dollars the half dozen Now let your eyes rest naturally on that sign, Terms Cash and look pleasant —New York Sun

How to Treat a Kerosene Lamp

A country subscriber writes to ask how to treat a kerosene lamp It is the usual custom to treat a lamp to oil Very few lamps would believe care for beer or whisky — New York Graphic

Their Ideas Were Identical

Mistress—Bridget I don't think it is proper for you to entertain men in the kitchen

Bridget—Yes be right mum but there was some one in the parlor already —Life

Fugitive Humor

A precocious youth prompted by an unpleasant recollection of the last term, says that school teachers are like dogs They lick *your hand This carries off the palm* — Texas Siftings

Mr Dusenberry *(quite inebriated)*—My dear I couldn't go down that tobogan slide It would take my breath Mrs. Dusenberry —It wouldn't be a bad thing if it did —Philadelphia Call

When a fire alarm is rung in Rome the firemen draw an engine to the fire, while grooms lead the horses behind the engine No wonder Nero had plenty of time to fiddle —*Waterbury American*

George Alfred Townsend admits that he *doesn't know everything This is shattered* another popular belief Are all of our deepest seated convictions nothing more than popular fallacies?—Chicago Times

A woman at Wolf Pit N C, who got angry with her husband threw a poker at him and hit the baby And this in a section where the women can practice at hens all winter!—Burlington (Vt) Free Press

The funeral of a New York alderman the other day cost the city $1 048 50 But New *York's experience with her aldermen has* shown her that it is far cheaper to bury them, even at that price than to keep 'em alive — Chicago Times

Dennis was the pride of his corps
He wore fine uniform worps
He could play at Lez que
And with infinite chique
At the canteen would run up a scorps
—New York Journal

Talmage said in his lecture the other night that 'the man who can sing and won't sing should be sent to Sing Sing" That would be too severe It is the man who can't sing and will sing who *should be sent to Sing Sing* P S —For ninety nine years.—Norristown Herald.

I belong to an improved Order of Red Men, and I'm going to paint this town a crimson hue before I get through, you bet!" remarked a hilarious individual to a blue coated guardian of the night in the vicinity of Boylston market the other day All right replied the man with *the billy* "I belong to the locust club you come along with me and I'll propose you for membership" After a little persuasion (?) the red man was escorted to the lodge in La Grange street.—Boston Budget.

"J Pot."

Thomas N Nichol who never pl
nevertheless tells a story about card
A *colony of his* acquaintances
poker players had a night session in
which closed in a contest *over a jac*
taining some $30 They had sta
game on Saturday and on looking
watches discovered that it was
o clock on Sunday morning One o
ers *suggested*, by way of pena
whoever won the jack pot should
church that day *and put it*
contribution box The winner was
of a humorist. He put the cash in
velope, marked it J Pot," and lai
contribution plate On Monday r
week later happening to pick up a
was astonished to find in it a repor
mon delivered by the pastor of the
which a feeling allusion was made
that on the previous Sunday a kind
had made a generous donation to t
'I sincerely hope and trust,' was
man's language that if Mr J Po
the city and intends to remain he
make this his permanent religious
New York Tribune

Senator Sawyer Knows Good Pl

Senator Philetus Sawyer is a
buyer when he gets into the mark
chase pine lands Usually the ma
to him does not know who the bu
few summers ago Philetus was up
county *inspecting some pine* an
sounded the owner as to the sale th
ual, an old man with grizzly hai
kers hauled out a newspaper co
wood cut of Sawyer looked at it
then at the stranger and said

You be old Sawyer Blamed if
been looking for you for these th
This land ain't for sale Pine th
wants is pine and I'll just keep
patch to hand down as a heirloom
dren"

No trade was made and the pr
land in that region rose immedi
after something that does not tak
often in Wisconsin until after S
made his purchase —Chicago Hera

A Savage Softened

Omaha Man (meeting an old
friend)—Well! Well! When did
from Africa?

Returned Evangelist—I left sh
you did and by the way I was
couraged by something I saw
starting home

Eh! What was that?

I saw the Zulu slayer of the y
Imperial weeping and raving over
ness in killing the youth and his p
to me that he could not be comfor

Ye I told him that if he ha
boy alive he could have got a big
Omaha World

Ill Deserved Fame

Omaha Husband—Well I tol
friend De Grand *was a wonderful*
what do you think of him?

Omaha Wife—He's a fool.

Fool! Why he is one of the
scientists of the day!

He's a born idiot

How can you talk so?

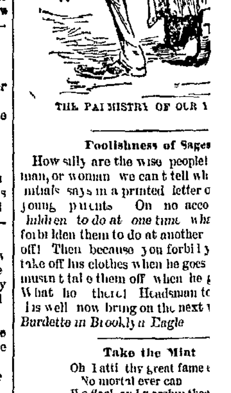
He thought this precious lit
was a boy and she's most a m
Omaha World

Dogmatic Philosophy

Layman—So you believe in the
of the pope do you?

Churchman—I think there is
doctrine that is commendable I l
that many of the utterances of
agree with my own —Lowell Citi

A Memory of Childho


THE PALMISTRY OF OUR Y

Foolishness of Sages

How silly are the wise people!
man, or woman we can't tell wh
initials says in a printed letter o
young parents On no acco
children to do at one time wha
forbidden them to do at another
off! Then because you forbid y
take off his clothes when he goes
mustn't take them off when he g
What ho there! Headsman ta
his well now bring on the next
Burdette in Brooklyn Eagle

Take the Mint

Oh Patti thy great fame
No mortal ever can
We feel and worship thee
The European plan

Come back and visit us ag
In all our want and stint
One item Marcus overlook
Come back—and get the
—San Fran

Life in the Northwe

Dakotan—Husband home Mrs
Mrs. Burgess—No but I expec
in a day or two We're going
thaw, you know

Dakotan—Where is John?

Mrs Burgess—Over in that
drift yonder I sent him on an
weeks ago and that was all the
Poor man! I shouldn't wonder
to get discouraged by this time.—

Panic vs Tonic

Dad's kinder weak this mo
wants something that will act
panic said Johnny Gubbins to
as he handed out the regulati
bottle *The druggist thought of t*
unpaid account and after filling
with the poorest brand of whisky
few drops of croton oil and the c
a panic under his breast that dou
like a jack knife —Danville (N

Best in the Marke

Little Dot—Mamma was I
baby like my doll?

Omaha Mamma—Why, of cou

'Did I go to sleep sometimes a
sometimes?

Yes

'Guess you was glad when y
had a baby what could ope
own eyes."—Washington Cr

LOCAL NEWS

—The erection of new dwellings has begun in East Marion

—Mrs Lura Aye of Claridon was the guest of friends in the city

—Mrs Lew Miller is reported seriously ill and has been for some time

—Mr Herbert Parkinson of Nineveh Pa is visiting friends in Marion

—Mr R H was Sunday'd in Caledonia the guest of Dr and Mrs Di Francis

—Galion Inquirer Mr Phil Schuler has gone to Marion to visit her sisters and friend

—Three fine trunks contributed to the treasury Monday for their lodging over Sunday

—Miss Ollie Barnhart has returned from Delaware where she has been visiting for some time

—Engineer Marston of the C and A is running an engine on the east end filling a vacancy

—The Misses Malcolm of Bucyrus were the guests of Miss Oda Wright on Bellefontaine avenue

—Mrs Harry Jones nee Reiser is back from Nebraska to spend a couple months at the her former home

—Huntington Herald Harvey Hatfield left this afternoon for Marion O to visit with friends over Sunday

—Miss Moore is home from North Monroeville spending the week of vacation in her school at that place

—The Marion Steam Shovel company proposes making its own castings hereafter and will erect a foundry soon

—N Y P and O fireman Row has returned to Galion and is now firing on a run Charley Kimball has his place

—No Sheriff's sales are to be made until the 16th of April but there are a good many announced for that date

—The remains of Uncle William Riley were taken from the cemetery vault and interred in Marion cemetery Sunday

—His street is becoming more traveled than formerly The new watchman removes the dangers of the railroad crossing

—J H Thomas was at Prospect attending the funeral of Mr Noble who was buried under the auspices of the Prospect Masons

—Superintendent Crouse of the Public School will change his residence from east street to the Walt property on south west street

—The Bretz ditch hearing was held before the county commissioners at their room in the court house today Several Grand Prairie citizens were present

—The cattle market was quite brisk today in point of the number of sales A good bunch of hogs were also disposed of to the eastern shippers at good prices

—The C and A car department sent out much eight repaired cars last week and received eighty four for repairs If the wrecks keep up this number will be largely increased

—Judge Norris spent the entire week at Bucyrus in impaneling a jury to try the Hotaling murder case Over eighty men were called in before the jury was satisfactorily filled

—To give an idea of Findlay's boom we need only say that a reliable person tells us that D W Gibbs who left here to go there two months ago is $10 000 better off than when he went

—South Main street acknowledges that it contains a resident who owns that he hopes the Black Diamond will not be constructed for in that event his subscription will not need to be paid

—Court was adjourned Saturday for two weeks when it will be convened on the 2d of April for the purpose of allowing Judge Norris to render decisions on the motions heard Saturday

—A runaway on north Main street presented an exciting scene this morning the broken lines placing the animal beyond the driver's control A few slight bruises comprise the entire damage

—The Erie express is going to operate on the C and A after May 15 whether the Erie gains control of the C and A or not The C and A is just as much opposed to the Erie express now as the Erie is

—Miss Emma Hoberman is learning the business in the postoffice with the view of succeeding Miss Clara Diebold Miss Clara's health will not permit the confinement that the position imposes on her

—Recorder Harraman brings the word that Morral is to have a gymnasium and boxing room If Jim Larnthous and Jack Johnston put on the gloves together there will be a lively tussle but the betting is all on Jack

—The growing wheat and clover have been having a rather hard time of it the past few weeks and some fields are badly worsted apparently We say apparently for you never know what is in it until the crop is threshed

—Gen John Beatty of Columbus has consented to address the Young Men's Garfield Club at the opening meeting Wednesday night March 30 General Beatty is an interesting speaker and as the Club extends a general invitation he will doubtless attract a large audience

—Walter B Wright died at Caledonia Monday of consumption For some years he was local reporter at Bucyrus and afterward in business at Chicago He was a very bright young man and has a number of relatives and a host of friends His remains were taken to Bucyrus for burial

—The city council is keeping up its weekly meetings so as to be ready to pass an ordinance locating the hydrants of the water works system as specified The only business transacted Monday night was an order to the Street and Alley committee to purchase 500 yards of crushed stone for the spring street repairs

—Mrs Chas Racy died at her home in North Marion, Saturday of consumption aged 22 years Her funeral occurred Sunday at the Evangelical church after which the remains were placed in Marion cemetery Mr Racy is an employe in the Huber works and is sadly bereaved by the death of his wife so early in life

—Dr H riding has been confined to his home for a week or more with an attack of illness

W E Glass of Prospect was in the city Tuesday on his way to his new home in Odee Kas

—B Kimble was at Urbana Wednesday attending a conference of the creamery men of Central Ohio

—Miss Minnie Gregg has returned home from Wooster after nearly four months absence, spent in teaching painting

—Attorney W E Scofield is going to change his residence to Silver street and J D Gregory will occupy the dwelling thus vacated

—Every farmer wants to see the Champion Binder for 1887 To see it is to be convinced of its superiority over all others For sale by C B King & Co 8

—A great deal of job printing is wanted at the opening of spring Remember the STAR office executes all kinds of work in the best styles at the lowest possible prices

—Mr F F Davis manager of the Hardie Von Leer Combination, is in the city looking after the interests of his company Mr Davis is one of the best and most popular of New York managers

—Zoe and Paul Codding were spending their vacation in Champaign county visiting their aunts, Mrs Dr Dills of Urbana, and Mrs L R Howell of Addison They will returned Friday afternoon

—Hoberman & Company's drug store is very much improved at the hands of the paper hangers but considerable difficulty was experienced in keeping Harry Thompson and Ben Kent out of the paste

—I H B Beale has been confined to the house all week from the result of injuries he received at the N Y P and O depot by spraining himself It is rather odd to see that unusually hard working gentleman laid up

—The jail is empty It was supposed that Mrs Maloney the demented woman from Prospect was there but she was returned to her daughter's home soon after her arrival here because she is a non resident of Marion county

—J J Askren returned from Paulding O Monday on his way to Cleveland He has concluded not to locate there but has invested in some real estate near Findlay on which he has promise of realizing a handsome profit

—The Stroble Manufacturing company has by no means been abandoned The work of erecting buildings is expected to begin in the early part of next month but the location and other details have not been determined upon

—The teachers in the Public schools whose homes are away from Marion have left to spend vacation week Miss Campbell going to Galion Miss Williamson to Kenton Miss Sutter to Bellevue and Miss Blair to Wilmington

L D Sprague is organizing the Marion Malleable Iron company, which will have a cash capital of $30 000 A considerable amount of subscriptions has been secured already and the projector of the new iron works has much encouragement

—The local agents of the railroads report an unusually heavy business just now attributing the rush to the new Inter State commerce law Its result on shipments are so uncertain that shippers are hurrying out goods on a basis that they understand

—Fourteen different styles of breaking plows all by the leading manufacturers of the country and selected with reference to the wants of Marion county soil Don't purchase until you examine our stock and get our prices C B King & Co

—The Huber directors have talked of a boiler shop in West Marion but at the last meeting the matter was postponed until after this season's work was completed, which will be next November The extensive manufacture of boilers is contemplated in the future

—A lady friend of the STAR wants us to suggest to the commissioners that the addition to the infirmary be postponed a few years until prohibition can carry then it won't be necessary ' This would be on the plan of letting dinner go in the hope of being invited out

—There is every little while some talk of a street railroad, and on Tuesday our very conservative Main street contemporary suggested the feasibility of such a thing The STAR spoke of that very project two years ago and the idea was laughed at yet it was just as feasible then as now

—W C Munson a large breeder of Holstein cattle at Miami Trumbull county O was at Prospect Friday looking through the Marion County Importing company's extensive stud of Percheron and English draft stallions with a view of making a purchase He expressed himself as greatly pleased with what he saw

—Mrs Elizabeth Olds died at her home on east George street Monday afternoon at two o'clock aged 55 years Mrs Olds had enjoyed ordinary good health until Sunday when she was taken suddenly ill becoming unconscious from which state she never recovered Deceased has long been a resident of Marion and immediate vicinity The funeral occurred at 3 o'clock Wednesday

—Those who have had some experience in condemnation work say that a land owner never makes anything by fighting what might be compromised Sheriff Beckley says that in the eight years that he has been connected with the sheriff's office he has never known but one man who made money by letting the matter go to court for adjudication and the cases where the land owner has lost are numbered by the scores

—Misses Hogan and West were doubtless the worst frightened young ladies in Marion Thursday night They returned to Miss Hogan's home on west Center street about 11 o'clock and stepped to the well at the back door A suspicious noise was heard as they stepped out and Miss West inquired about it No sooner had she done so than a full fledged burglar ran by them and out into the street The young ladies were too badly frightened to sound an alarm and the fellow had no trouble in escaping Had they not spoken as they did he would doubtless have plundered the house after they had retired, but up to that time he was only concealed awaiting his opportunity

—The freight clerks at the C and A office are boasting a great deal about their feather weight pugilist The person referred to is none other than Charles Bell, who amused his associates by laying out a bigger man than John L Sullivan Saturday in the vicinity of the office

—Rev Father Stoppleman of LaRue goes to Xenia O to take charge of the St Bridget's Catholic church in that city The parish to which Father Stoppleman is called is just now in a very unpleasant quarrel as the German members want him and the Irish Catholics are determined to retain the present priest

—This is the time of year when the housewife selects her table silverware and anticipating the demands Clark Turney the jeweler, has secured an unusually large and varied stock which he is selling at prices more tempting than ever Remember that you can buy silverware now cheaper than it was ever offered before 11o tf

—W G MacEdward has been ordered to Huntington by General Manager Broughton of the C and A and hereafter the headquarters of Mac as fuel agent of the C and A will be at Huntington The STAR regrets to see Mac depart from among us for he is a capital fellow, but the change is imperative and he has to go

—Mr Morrison agent of the Holly Water works company, was in the city today making preliminary arrangements such as organizing a company and matters pertaining thereto In response to an inquiry as to when work would begin, Mr Morrison said that he thought everything would be in full blast by May 1st Prospecting for water will soon begin before that time

—A great deal of talk is now indulged in here on the subject of natural gas There are a great many who think the Canal street hole much less in depth than was generally supposed and the belief is almost general that gas veins are under us While the fever is on, we don't believe it would require much effort to sufficiently increase the capital of the old Natural Gas company to drill another well

—Engineer Cutler of the Black Diamond corps is working the change of the line The change begins at the land of Mrs Letter on the Claridon road east of the Infirmary and runs on an average of about 300 feet north of the original survey The change is very acceptable to a number of the landowners along the line, and makes a better entrance for the road into its fifteen acres in East Marion

—J P Walter formerly located in this city and generally known as 'Doc Walter, the Bohemian oats agent was arrested by Sheriff Beckley Sunday night on the charge of obtaining a note under false pretenses of John Hiner The charges were preferred by Mr Hiner of Big Island township of this county, the basis of them being a note that he gave Walter for $200 for 'Bohemian There are very few who regard the case as having any merit

—Galion Inquirer Mr Lane is the wealthiest land owner on the entire line, owning 800 acres of land eight miles from Zanesville The railway company will take 4½ acres—being a strip of land 100 feet wide The company, by selecting the richest man on the entire line for a frightful example, indicate that they are not afraid to tackle the money bags and skinflints who are willing to stop public improvements that cannot help but aid the general public

—Another patent is being exhibited on the court house grounds We mention this fact not because we have a grudge against this particular exhibitor, but have a dislike to the court house grounds being used for such purposes Let the grounds be decently cleaned up and paved—a lawn will never survive—and let the very attractive ornament on the northeast corner of the lot be carried off and the place will appear as it ought If the grounds were properly fixed no patent right exhibitor would presume even the right to ask for such a privilege as making the place an advertising show ground The lot looks as though renters were on the place

—A paragraph is going the rounds to the effect that cigar dealers violate the revenue law when they lift a handful of cigars from a box and permit the customer to make his selection returning the rest to the box and that this violation subjects the offender to a penalty This opinion is based on the provision requiring cigars to be sold from the original package without removing from the box An exchange remarks that 'this looks like an absurdity and perhaps it is but it is the law ' We question the correctness of the literal construction of the law on that very ground—its absurdity The legislative intent was to prevent fraudulent evasion of the tax which evasion could doubtless be more easily effected if the cigars were allowed to be removed permanently from the box and sold in a different manner without restrictions The practice referred to as being unlawful affords no opportunity for fraud, and it is not likely that the strict construction which declares it unlawful would find countenance in any court Where a statute is susceptible of two constructions, one unreasonable, technical and far fetched though literal and the other based on horse sense and the evident legislative intent the second should always be adopted and this is the recognized rule that obtains in all courts of law

Is He Sane?

It is said that an old man was in the city Saturday who surprisingly inquired ' what building is that? pointing to the court house when he made the inquiry When told what it was he innocently asked "when was it built?"

Where such an individual could have lived in Marion county is a mystery to us Perhaps he is crazy

To the Ladies of Marion and Vicinity

A large line of novelties in millinery and notions just received We have also a trimmer who has spent eight weeks in one of the largest millinery houses in Philadelphia to help us prepare work for our patrons Call and examine our goods and get prices MRS C A McWILLIAMS

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Married

BOXWELL—SHANNON—On March 20th 1887, by Rev I A Sutton at his residence, Benjamin B Boxwell to Miss Mary L Shannon The good wishes of many accompany the happy pair through life

HERBSTER WOTTRING & THOMAS

Breeders and Importers of French Draft Horses Prospect, O

Among the potent factors which have stimulated and fostered the improvement of our draft horses has been the formation of importing companies which sent representatives to the old world and there selected the best specimens attainable for importation

In 1882 the firm of Herbster, Wottring & Thomas was formed at Prospect and effected the purchase of the magnificent French draft stallions Favorite and Rejonce, which had been selected in France by Mr Wottring, as a member of the Richwood Importing company

The following year Mr Wottring was again sent to France, where he selected from the best breeding districts twelve splendid stallions, arrived in October 1885 These horses found ready sale in Marion and surrounding counties three of them being secured by J B Riley & Company This firm was also co partners in importations of 1885 made by Guthery Harvey & Company and from it obtained the superb stallions Corporal and Prince, the latter of which (a typical Percheron Norman, now four years old) has been sold to J A King of Hardin county

A visit to the company's stables, on Battle street in Prospect will amply repay those who admire high bred imported French draft horses Here may be seen the well known French draft stallion Rejonce, 1485, imported by R Wottring for the Richwood company in 1882 Rejonce was a government approved stallion serving three years in a noted stud of France where he proved an impressive sire Some of his colts have been imported since arrival He is now nine years old, has a white color, is a horse of great development power, style and finish, clean limbed with superbly arched neck and shapely head His numerous colts now three years old are in great demand at good prices

In another stall will be seen the well developed, steel gray four year old stallion, Corporal imported in 1885, and recorded in the third volume of the French Draft Horse register Corporal is a popular type of the draft horse, with round symmetrical body, close coupling, deep chest, heavily muscled quarters and large clean flat-boned limbs He is a sure breeder and an impressive sire

The stables also contain the Black hawk Morgan road horse bred at Montreal, Canada and purchased in 1885 He breeds strong, active and stylish colts

Mr Ben K Herbster of this firm, owns also a fifteen sixteenths French draft mare weighing 1600 pounds, which has produced a yearling filly by Rejonce Both are animals of power and promise

Claridon—Adelaide

Farmers are doing a great deal of tiling this spring

Much of the wheat in this township is reported to be in poor condition

Frank Geddes, of Caledonia, was in town Sunday

The committee interested in Black Diamond subscriptions has been active in its work to secure as much as possible but as yet the amount is much below $3000 The following are the committee on subscriptions for the Black Diamond Obediah Miller, Geo W Williams, Joseph Squibb, James Ivey, Wm Miller James Owen, David Eberhart, Jno Weiss, Frank Fletcher and John Mitchell

The remark from Caledonia about our postoffice was a funny circumlocution Why didn't they say 'I didn't want Claridon to have a postoffice ' We are not offended, but would rather he would say what he means

Miss Lura Aye returned this week from Delaware for a short vacation Miss Aye is a sophomore at the O W U

Mr Owens who is now our merchant, will have a sale soon and will move to Claridon Messrs M C and W M Aye will also have a joint sale on the 29th They will leave soon for Kansas City

Willis Fahy has recently moved out of town about one half mile east He is our Justice He is a pedagogue, also and has great success in training the young Americans

With regard to your correspondence concerning the Sippel obituary, would say that it was not our intention to reflect on the character of anyone but to give the facts as we learned them from a reliable source Mrs. Sippel is known to be an excellent woman She never mistreated her husband nor was she ever mistreated by him Their relations as man and wife were harmonious enough, we suppose but at the same time there was an infelicity or dissatisfaction on his part which, together with a deluded notion concerning his financial matters induced the melancholy referred to No one ever thought of attaching the slightest blame to Mrs Sippel Now we hope this satisfactorily explains the matter

Save This for Future References

The present session of the legislature has enacted the following

A bushel of the respective articles herein after mentioned shall mean the amount of weight avoirdupois viz

Of wheat sixty pounds
Of rye fifty six pounds
Of oats, thirty two pounds,
Of clover seed, sixty pounds
Of timothy seed forty five pounds
Of hemp seed, forty four pounds,
Of millet seed, fifty pounds
Of buckwheat, fifty pounds
Of beans sixty pounds,
Of peas sixty pounds,
Of hominy, sixty pounds
Of Irish potatoes, sixty pounds
Of sweet potatoes, fifty pounds
Of onions fifty pounds,
Of dried peaches thirty three pounds
Of dried apples twenty two pounds
Of flax seed fifty six pounds,
Of barley, forty eight pounds
Of malt, thirty four pounds,
Of Hungarian grass seed, fifty pounds,
Of lime seventy pounds,
Of coke forty pounds,
Of bituminous coal eighty pounds
Of cannel [coal] seventy pounds,
Of corn shelled, fifty six pounds
Of corn in the ear sixty eight pounds,
Of tomatoes fifty six pounds,
Of apples, forty eight pounds
Of peaches, forty eight pounds
Of turnips, sixty pounds,
Of plums fifty five pounds

A BRAVE WOMAN

At Music Hall on Thursday Evening March 31st

This splendid metropolitan company fresh from a successful run at the Grand Opera House, in New York and under the management of F F Davis one of the eminent New York managers will appear in this city on the above date in "A Brave Woman' The Music Hall management is to be congratulated in securing a date with this famous company

The following from the Chicago Times is taken from a mass of press notices

'A Brave Woman is the title of a new melo drama presented at the Academy this week It is written by Mr Mortimer Murdoch, who has not proven very original as to the idea, but is rather inventive as to the methods of construction Happy home life he portrays rather strongly, and seems to possess considerable skill in writing easy natural dialogue The piece is pretty and interesting, something much like a dramatized novel One of the most realistic bout scenes ever witnessed in this city is given which alone is worth a visit to the Academy this week Its principal characters are assumed by Mr James M Hardie and Miss Sara Von Leer The former has always been considered a good leading man, his manly stage presence, resonant voice and histrionic ability certainly placing him in the higher rank of actors He was not known before to be a vocalist but in this piece he executed several songs especially Still Home,' with genuine effect Miss Von Leer will be remembered as the original Mrs Winthrop some years ago In the early part of the piece when girlish gayety is required, her methods are natural and easy, and in the pathetic scenes later on she proves one of the strongest emotional actresses before the public Next to these comes, strange to say little Ada Foster who cannot be more than five years old at the most, playing a child's part very charmingly The remainder of the cast is all good except that some of the ladies feel induced to overact The house was well filled, considering that this was the beginning of the theatre's new departure in stopping the issue of tickets for lithographs hung in the windows

ANOTHER WRECK

Extra Train 40 on the C and A Has Eighteen Cars Telescoped by a Broken Axle—Not so Serious a Loss After All

The wreck at the C and A yards or rather the farthest end of the C and A yards, attracted many pedestrians Sunday In fact, nearly every one out for a walk and the curious too went thither, and the scene of the promiscuously piled freight cars presented rather a lively scene

The particulars of the affair seem to be about as follows The 6th car back of the engine on train 40 was heavily loaded with wheat and had a hot box at Hepburn There it was cooled and the train came on for Marion The cooling had doubtless cracked the axle at any rate it had worn off at the end sufficiently to drop to the ground at the far end of the yards, and eighteen cars immediately piled on top of one another

The cars reared up and stood around in every conceivable shape and presented a peculiar scene The car that caused the trouble was doubtless the most damaged from a financial view, but the empty gondolas were broken up more badly We have not heard the loss estimated but it must be comparatively light considering the extent of the wreck

The train was a double header in charge of Conductor Day An investigation of the causes of the wreck will doubtless be made but the cooling of the hot box at Hepburn relieves the crew of responsibility, and the blame will possibly be attributed to a too heavily loaded car

GUY WEBBER ARRESTED

The Leader of the St Andrews Bay Company Indicted by the Grand Jury

[Sunday's Enquirer]

Guy Webber the head of the concern known as the St Andrews Bay Land and Railroad company, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Marshal McIlvaine and taken before Judge Sage He had been indicted by the United States grand jury for violating the postal laws He pleaded not guilty and was released on $1000 bond He was indicted on the affidavits of James Dixon Cyrus Miller and Joseph Bergdorf They claim that Webber received money from them for which he agreed to furnish them with certain lands which they claim were not what he promised

OBITUARY

Daniel R Creasap was born September 17, 1817 and died March 17 1887, aged 69 years and 6 months When fourteen years of age he came with his parents from Virginia to Ohio, and has resided in this county most of the time since 1831 He was the father of seventeen children twelve of whom survive him

The funeral services were held Sabbath morning at the United Brethren church conducted by the pastor, and the remains were buried beside his first wife, in the Salter cemetery, six miles southeast of town W S R

Prospect

Lester Cline, of Columbus, is the guest of his sister, Mrs Dr Brenizer

Emmet Cook and George Frash of Richwood were in town Sunday

Two of our wheelmen spent Sunday in Marysville

Miss Matilda Schook of Delaware is the guest of her sister, Mrs Fred Drehe

A very pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Miss Edith Hord, on East street Friday night

Fred Mayfield, late of Cleveland is visiting a few days with his sister, Mrs S J Wottring

Mrs J M Whitley, of Shanes Crossing was in town over Sunday

The Jenny Electric Light company, of Indianapolis has put in the light for Miller Jones & Co

Grandfather Noble was buried Sunday under the auspices of the Masons

The funeral services of Miss Nettie Simpson were conducted by Rev Mr Hill last Tuesday morning The church was crowded by the many friends of the deceased Miss Nettie was aged about twenty seven and was a victim of consumption

Last Tuesday evening the members of the Baptist church surprised their pastor it being his birthday It was in every way a success and the evening was passed very pleasantly

PROSPECT, O, March 22, '86

LADIES' GOSSIP

Cashmere shawls made into wraps will be very fashionable this spring

For capes of silk net are more fashionable than any others for neck and sleeves

Everything of brass continue and every day something new in that metal seems to be introduced

Young women said to be religious within sets now carry the blackest kind of prayer books for Lent

It is predicted that within a year walking skirts will be made long enough to touch and drag as well

Corduroy jackets are among the newest shown for spring wear and are recommended as jaunty and stylish

White fox fur on a green plush wrap is very effective The lining of white satin makes it more elegant

Big wood ornaments bracelets buttons and clasps are worn in mourning, and are sometimes very beautifully carved

Full sleeves are worn by young girls from 10 to 14 They are formed into a wide cuff extending from the waist half way up the forearm

The skirt of black chantilly worn with a Directoire bodice of black velvet makes a very stylish costume for receptions or small dinners and is always becoming and pretty

Umbrellas to be in English fashion must have a top cord of red These covers are very important to save the wear and tear which must come to an umbrella which is often carried

A set of fur covered furniture was recently sent here as a gift from far away Russia It is attractive in cold weather but something one would rather not keep through the summer in this climate

Very pretty little jackets for house wear are made of netted silk strung with cut steel beads The effect is not unlike the coat of mail This is not a difficult sort of work and if netting is not preferred, the jackets may be crocheted

The Cossack jacket is a favorite for both little girls and boys and is somewhat like the Norfolk jacket so long worn and appreciated for a comfortable garment It has two plaits in the back and two in front, being double breasted

BASEBALL

John M Connell formerly a league and association umpire has been appointed as an umpire in the International league by Secretary White

Morgan J Murphy, of the Boston team, is the youngest catcher in the league, as he is but 19 years of age He played with the Boston Blues last year

Manager Harry Wright has definitely decided upon a southern trip and his Philadelphia team is booked to play in Charleston, S C March 26, 28 and 29

Keppel Cincinnati's new third baseman ranks with Donnelly and McPhee as a base runner There is little doubt that he will play with the team in Carpenter's place

The new league rules are severely criticised by Fogarty of the Philadelphias who asserts that instead of bettering the game it will put it back to where it was ten years ago

Manager Watkins says he would not trade Hardie Richardson of the Detroits, for the great and only Michael J Kelly He says that Richardson can play in any position on the ball field

The Detroit club management have made another appeal to the people of their city for substantial support This they urge, can be given by purchasing for $8 a season ticket entitling the holder to admission to 63 scheduled games

It is rather early in the season to predict how the clubs of any particular league will rank at the close of the season, but a Syracuse manager says that the International clubs will come out of the race in the following order Newark Rochester Syracuse Jersey City, Toronto Binghamton Utica, Hamilton Buffalo and Oswego Doubtless the Utica people will have something to say on this point

The Baltimore Herald figures it out thusly: 'It is a liberal estimate to say that Mike Kelly will play a total of 130 games during the season They will average two hours each in length, or 260 hours Two hundred and sixty hours will equal in round numbers eleven full days For these eleven days this desirable exponent of baseball gets $1 363 a day or at the increased rate of 497 495 10 per annum, and Boston has bought this gold mine for $15,000 '

SPORTING AND ATHLETIC

Slosson and Schaefer, the two great billiard experts, will again cross cues at Chicago in the near future

Betting on the race across the Atlantic ocean between the Dauntless and the Coronet is slightly in favor of the latter

A fifteen ball pool match will shortly be arranged between Malone and Frey It will be for the world's championship

Myers the American sprinter recently defeated Malone in Australia at 150 yards, and was in turn beaten by Hutchens at 240 yards

A match race for $10 000 a side between Jim Gray and Sir Joseph to occur at the Washington Driving park Chicago this spring, is among the probabilities

Robert Vint, the little Brooklyn shoemaker, won the recent six days go as you please race in Philadelphia, covering 5 8 miles Hart the colored man was second

The Turf, Field and Farm is authority for the statement that William Beach the champion sculler has been offered $10 000 to come to this country to row Gaudaur, Teemer and Hanlan

Covington the celebrated jockey who was seriously hurt at New Orleans last week by the accidental discharge of a pistol in his own hands is rapidly recovering Covington last year rode in over 400 races winning seventy five of them

Evan Lewis the Strangler,' defeated Jack Carkeek in a catch as catch can wrestling match at Milwaukee last Thursday evening winning the first and third falls, Carkeek allowing the second one to go by default It is feared that the injuries received will permanently disable Carkeek from wrestling

ACROSS THE SEAS

Railway carriages are now fitted up as churches in Russia so that people can worship as they travel

Germany has issued orders to weed out certain classes of Frenchmen from Alsace Look out for an influx of opera bouffe singers

There were 2 117 fires in London last year The engines attached to the land stations made 5 893 journeys and used 10 000,000 gallons of water

An item which will interest stamp collectors is the following The son of the Duchess de Galliera is thought to possess the finest collection of postage stamps in the world It fills 300 volumes and he has spent over £350 000 in satisfying his hobby

ALL SORTS.

New York city has 10,000 landlords who collect $40 000 000 rent.

New engines and the removal of the paddles are expected to give the Great Eastern a speed of twenty knots

To the record of great physical exploits must be added that of a man in Texas who sucked two dozen eggs at a sitting

A man in Pennsylvania bought a pair of white rabbits a year ago He now has seventy rabbits the offspring of the original pair

During a recent shower at Rockport, Ind., 2 0 live catfish from 3 to 8 inches long fell to the ground They were gathered and many of them eaten

A West Newbury farmer recently sent two tons of cabbages to a Boston commission house and after the freight, commission and storage had been deducted he had only 96 cents left

It is estimated that 8 000 000 of umbrellas are made in this country annually The number imported is not stated There is hardly any article we use that we don't get somewhat attached to but an umbrella rarely stays long enough to enter into this category

Probably the smallest baby in the world was born at Utica Ind lately, to Mr and Mrs J Raymond Ferguson It weighs only one pound and its arms are three and its legs four inches in length It is healthy and thriving The parents weigh more than 150 pounds each and are in excellent health

Professor Proctor in his new book on Chance and Luck, undertakes to tell the chance of getting heads or tails in tossing a penny If you toss a hundred heads will not exceed tails or tails heads, in a greater ratio than 21 to 0 If you toss for a day the inequality will not be greater than 101 to 100

If Alaska were admitted to the Union today there would be a sensation in Washington society when the prominent citizens came to the capital At a recent brilliant social event in Siwash town, Mayor Kow was set the style by appearing in a beaver hat, a military dress coat flour sack pantaloons and rubber boots.

Mr Sam Bass of Ward, Ark, thinks that he has a small fortune in a colt recently foaled on his farm without any fore legs Otherwise the little fellow is perfect, and Mr Bass thinks that he will soon begin to walk on his two feet as well as any other biped Already the owner has taken many quarters for a sight at the colt, and has refused $100 for him.

The telegraph line built by the French in Tonquin having recently failed to work, it was found upon investigation, that the chief of one of the native villages had appropriated a quantity of the wire to his own use, and replaced it with a cord of vegetable fiber He was very much surprised when informed of the damage he had done, and had no idea but that he had made a fair exchange and no robbery

The results of a day at Monte Carlo to the proprietors of the casino and the principality of Monaco are testified in the boxes, weighted with gold carried away before the very eyes of the losers It is said that each table wins from £1 500 to £2 000 a day, which shows a gross gain from the eight tables of from £12 000 to £16 000 These sums must be multiplied by 365 to show the probable yearly income

A ball was given by deaf mutes in Baltimore lately The Baltimore American says it was a curious affair They danced very well and generally kept time with the music Waltzing gave them more trouble than the square dances, though some showed themselves to be expert and graceful in the mazy whirl A little girl danced the Fisher's hornpipe which was unexpected, and several couples arose and danced a slow waltz to the lively music of a hornpipe

According to the annual report of the director of the mint which has been transmitted to congress it appears the production of gold during 1886 exceeded that of any previous year since 1880, and almost equals the production of that year This amounted to $35 000,000 in 1886 against $31,800,000 in 1885 an increase of $3 000 000 The production of silver as nearly as can be ascertained, was $51 695 030 The amount of gold bullion imported into the United States was $17,947 518 and the exports $27,802 037

ACROSS THE SEAS.

The English army estimates which have just been issued amount to £18,233,900, being an increase of £160 700

It has been discovered in France that the fatty matter of wool may be transformed into a substance which has been named cerold having the consistency and several properties of wax

The College of Blind Sons of Gentlemen at Worcester England has only sixteen students Queen Victoria has sent to America for plans to adopt for public institutions A blind boy educated in Louisville is leading the movement

One of the ablest officers in the Belgian army has published a pamphlet in which he cites numerous reasons which he holds to be conclusive, to show that France, in the event of another Franco German war, will invade Germany through Belgian territory

Krupp of Essen pays a tax of 151,200 marks, or about £37 500 on his income of $1,250 000 for the current year The two Rothschilds at Frankfort pay on an income of about $600 000 each Only nine persons in Prussia are supposed to have each an income exceeding $250 000 this year

In Sweden steam engines have hitherto been without any government control, whatever but orders have now been given to the magistrates to send in before March 15 a list of all steam engines in their districts, with full report of age, kind, etc In Norway no steps have as yet been taken in this direction.

BASEBALL MATTERS

It is a question whether Caruthers or Foutz is the most puzzling pitcher.

Indianapolis is to have a pet goat on their grounds this season to act as their mascot It will be known as George

Doscher and McQuaid have been selected to umpire the world's championship series of games between the Chicagos and St. Louis Browns

Kansas City accepted $6,000 for its franchise and players The Cowboys have a franchise for the Western league, and will organize a new club

The Athletics want Corkhill, the New Yorks McCormick, the Bostons Paul Hines, and the Washingtons want to be consoled for Glasscock and Denny

It is said that Hewitt, of Washington, offered $10 000 for the release of Glasscock and Denny, and that Day, of the New Yorks, offered nearly that much for Denny alone.

With as many catchers as Boston has, it is doubtful if O'Rourke will get a chance to show his ability as a back stop, but if he does Manager Spencer says he will make a record for himself

Doscher, who was reinstated by the league some time ago and subsequently appointed an umpire, may be seen on the diamond as a player before many seasons. It is thought that he will get himself in good condition this season and enter the arena next year.

TALE OF A TELEGRAM.

Maud Estabrook had just turned to retrace her steps up the avenue when glancing round she saw a young man emerging from the shadow of one of the great willows that guarded the gate. As he pulled off his hat with a low bow the sunlight brought out the burnished black of his close cut hair, and threw into stronger relief his bronzed handsome face, to which a slight scar on one cheek gave a touch of the romantic and picturesque. So thought Maud after her brief, comprehensive survey.

"I beg your pardon," said the stranger, fanning himself with his straw hat as he spoke, "but can you tell me if Mr Estabrook is here?"

Oh, thought Maud, "one of Tom's friends." Then aloud "Yes—that is he lives here, but he isn't at home to day."

As the newcomer stood irresolute Maud gave him another quick look, which summed up his whole appearance from his six feet of stature and the light pedestrian garb that set it off to the knapsack hanging over his broad shoulders. Then she said hesitatingly "He may be back to night perhaps. Won't you come up to the house and rest? It is so warm. And my mother will be glad to see any friend of Tom's."

The young man returned her inquiring glance as he answered, with some hesitation, "Thanks. It is very warm, certainly. I should be delighted to pay my respects to—Mrs Estabrook, if she will permit me."

With that he put on his hat again and the two walked along together under the blossoming acacia trees while he introduced himself as Marston Folliott, just now pedestrianizing in that region. To which she responded with the information that she was Tom's sister.

In this way they reached the house where Mrs Estabrook was discovered in the cool north parlor. She received her son's friend very hospitably, inviting him to await Tom's return, which was expected by the next morning at latest.

Mr Folliott's manner was again hesitating as he half glanced toward Maud. "I really ought not to take advantage——" he began.

But Mrs Estabrook, a nervous excitable woman given to starts and broken sentences, interrupted him. "No, not [illegible], I say so. Really it would relieve my mind now that my son is away, and of course Peter must choose this very time—— Maud, Peter hasn't come back yet? No, not a man on the place, and this is such a solitary neighborhood! Burglars and tramps would have us quite at their mercy."

So the young man accepted the urgent invitation, and the afternoon wore away pleasantly with music and conversation and strolling about the grounds.

It was almost tea time. The two ladies with their guest were sitting on the breezy piazza when a telegraph messenger came up the steps, delivered his yellow covered missive and was off again like a shot out of sight.

"From Tom probably," said Mrs Estabrook. "Mr Folliott, you will excuse me?"

She broke open the envelope while the conversation between the two young people went on. But it was suddenly interrupted by an inarticulate sound from Mrs Estabrook, and looking around they saw her white and trembling. Maud ran to her mother and put her arm about her.

"I hope you have received no bad news"—began Mr Folliott. But as he advanced Mrs Estabrook waved him back with a pale attempt at a smile.

"Oh, no, not bad at all—only a little—a little—unexpected." Then she conveyed a silent summons to Maud's anxious eye, adding with the same forced lightness, "If you will excuse our leaving you alone for a moment, Mr Folliott. I have a little household matter to arrange with my daughter. That is all, indeed. It is only for a moment—only a moment, I assure you."

As they withdrew she sedulously returned Mr Folliott's bow, all the while preserving a set smile strangely at variance with her pale face. But no sooner had they entered the house than it dropped away as she turned to her daughter and said in a hollow whisper

"Maud, that man is a burglar."

Maud stared at this startling announcement. "What do you mean, mamma?"

"That man out there—that Folliott, as he calls himself. He isn't a friend of Tom's. Read this—from Amelia."

Maud read the telegram, which was from her married sister living some fifty miles distant. This was what it contained:

"Have just learned from our maid of suspicious stranger making her acquaintance. Asked all about The Willows and number of inmates. Seemed to know something of Tom. Tall, dark, gentlemanly looking, and has a scar on one cheek. Look out for him."

"Has a scar on one cheek," echoed Maud faintly after an instant's blank silence.

"Oh Maud, what shall we do?" moaned Mrs Estabrook, sinking into a seat. "And we have actually invited him to tea—a burglar! Well, for a friend I thought he seemed very uncertain about Tom."

"I noticed that too," answered Maud with bent brow, recalling a certain [illegible] of tone and manner which had struck her as strange at the time. "Mamma," she continued, "we must send Bridget or Maggie over to the village for help——"

"No," almost screamed Mrs Estabrook, "not another person must leave the house! Oh, how could Peter choose the very day Tom was gone? When he knows how nervous I am too—and to think! I told that—that desperado that there wasn't a man about the place. Maud, Maud! what shall we do?"

"I think I have a plan, mamma," said Maud, [illegible] her hand to her brown [illegible]. "Wait a moment." She flew upstairs and down again. "Now come out on the piazza. He mustn't suspect anything."

The two ladies rejoined their unwelcome guest and Mrs Estabrook plunged into feverish conversation with him. But the talk was of a [illegible] kind, turning mainly upon revolvers and the proficiency attained in the use of the deadly weapon by [illegible] and Maud, two unsophisticated women who in fact would not have known a toy pistol from a Gatling gun. Maud, in spite of her tension of anxiety, [illegible] with laughter behind her fan as she listened, furtively watching the stranger's face and noting his [illegible] uneasiness. Finally [illegible] resolution he began abruptly

"I really am in a very [illegible] position——"

"Oh I beg your pardon, Mr Folliott," quickly interposed Maud, fearing that in his rising suspicions he would [illegible] her carefully prepared coup. "If you would like to remove any [illegible] dust before tea you have just time [illegible]."

The young man took this hint and Maud volunteering to show the way accompanied him up the broad staircase and smilingly indicated the room where his knapsack had been left. No sooner had he stepped within than quick as a flash the girl shut the door and locked it on the outside, where she had already placed the key. Then she leaned panting against the wall and listened to the movements of the trapped burglar.

For a few moments there was perfect stillness as if he were trying to realize the meaning of that click of the lock, then she heard him go to the door and turn the handle, first softly then louder and louder. Maud clasped her hands tightly together, feeling almost hysterical between laughter and nervousness. Then the rattling stopped and a voice said slowly

"Miss Estabrook! Are you still there?"

"Yes," answered Maud, holding her breath.

"You are not aware that you have locked me in?"

Maud hesitated for an instant. But since the explanation must come it might as well come at once. "Yes," she answered clearly. "I did it intentionally."

"In—deed!" The blended accent of his word made her feel hysterical again. "Perhaps you would not mind telling me why you did it."

"Because you are a burglar," answered the girl concisely.

There was an indistinct mutter which might or might not have been an expletive. Then after a silence the voice inquired, quite formally, "And might I ask what you mean to do with me?"

"Keep you shut up here until my brother or the gardener comes back and then——"

"Yes, and then——"

"Then," replied Maud with a sudden inspiration, "we will let you go if you will go peaceably."

There was a sound of suppressed laughter at this. Then the voice rejoined politely, "Thanks. I will give you any assurances you require."

Maud went down to the dining room, where she busied herself in packing a basket. After this, returning up stairs, she called to her prisoner, "Mr—Mr Folliott!"

"Yes?"

"If you will open the [illegible] you will find a rope. Please let it down and we will send you up some supper."

The stranger obeyed and a well filled basket was soon lifted through the window into his room. Maud hospitably hoped he had everything he wished.

"Thanks, not quite," was the deliberate answer. "If I might ask for a couple of Tom's cigars?"

"Tom, indeed! The wretch!" commented Tom's sister to herself. Then aloud, "Oh certainly, if you will let the basket down again."

At this point Mrs Estabrook remonstrated. "Really, Maud, that is too much!"

"Oh mamma, anything to keep him quiet and good tempered," said Maud. "And you know he was to have taken tea with us."

"But if he should burn the house down smoking them?" anxiously suggested her mother.

"Well, perhaps it's safer to give him something to use his matches with," answered Maud with a masterly stroke of logic. "And they always do have matches," she concluded, indefinitely. Her reasoning carried the day, so the cigar went up and the rope came down, for this was a point on which Maud was firm. She had no intention of leaving that rope in their burglarious visitor's possession.

The evening waned, and still there was no sign of Peter's return. The two ladies did not dream of sleeping but kept watch throughout the night in the room adjoining that of their prisoner, bracing themselves with strong tea for their task. It was weary work, however, and the minutes crept slowly into the small hours.

The hall clock had just struck the quarter before 3 when the silence of the house was disturbed by a little sound which seemed preternaturally loud to their strained ears. Mrs Estabrook sat erect to listen while Maud turned up the glimmering lamp. Again came the sound, slight but distinct, scratch, scratch—file, file.

"Maud, what is that noise?" said Mrs Estabrook, with the calmness of despair. Maud declined to commit herself prematurely.

"Maud," said her mother, "it's down at the piazza window. It's—it's a confederate of that man in there! Oh don't tell me! I know."

Maud frowned thoughtfully. Her mother's idea seemed only too plausible.

"He'll get in and let the other one out," pursued Mrs Estabrook breathlessly, "and then they'll go through the house and rob and murder us all. Oh, dear! Oh h!"

"Don't, mamma dear! pray don't," entreated Maud, as the poor lady overwhelmed by her own picture showed signs of becoming hysterical and uttered several small screams. Upon this the occupant of the next room, who hitherto had given no sign of life, began to knock on the door between the two chambers. Maud drew near and the following conversation took place:

"Miss Estabrook!"

"Yes."

"Excuse me, but is anything wrong?"

Maud hesitated. Mrs Estabrook meantime had checked herself and was holding her breath to listen. Receiving no answer he presently spoke again.

"What is that noise down stairs?"

"We don't know," said Maud, "but——"

"But what? Is that what is alarming you?"

Maud considered. "We are afraid it is—a burglar."

"What! Another!" exclaimed the stranger. "Then be quick [illegible]. Don't you think you [illegible] let me [illegible] of him?" he suggested with an admirable assumption of the boldness of innocence.

Maud [illegible] protested Mrs [illegible].

"One moment, mamma," rejoined her daughter. "I am not sure." She turned to the door again. "You are quite certain he is not an—an—an assistant of yours?" she asked in the politest terms she could select.

[illegible]

[illegible] demanded Mrs Estabrook [illegible] suspicion [illegible] her mind. Maud [illegible] exactly [illegible].

"[illegible]," Maud answered doubtfully. [illegible]

Her [illegible] prevailed and their prisoner was informed that if he could not move until a given time he would be released. As he readily agreed to the conditions the girl stole out into the [illegible] turned the key very softly and [illegible] back into her own room which she locked in hot haste. Here she knocked on the inner door and at the appointed signal heard the young man dash through the corridor and down stairs. There was a sound of rattling glass, an altercation of voices, a pistol shot and then a brief period of suspense, during which the hearts of the two women stood still. Then steps returned along the passage, crossed through the next room and stopped beside the door of communication where a rap resounded.

"Miss Estabrook, I have come back," said a quiet voice.

"And the—the man?" asked Maud, breathlessly.

"Oh, I fancy he'll give you no more trouble. Judging from the groan I heard as he beat a retreat he won't feel in spirits for any more of this business to night."

"We—we are very much obliged to you," stammered Maud, rather at a loss what to say under the circumstances.

"Not at all. It was a pleasure to me. He was infringing on my rights, you know."

Silence followed, broken by another rap. "Miss Estabrook, I am waiting to be locked in again."

"Do you really mean——" began Maud.

"Certainly. I must insist, if you please. I'll stay here till you give me the word."

"Be quick, Maud," whispered Mrs Estabrook, very distrustful of this extraordinary burglar. "The man is either a criminal or a lunatic. Run and turn the key, child, before he changes his mind."

Thus urged, the girl made another sortie. Once more the key clicked in the lock, their prisoner was heard to cross the floor, and then all was silence again.

Not for long, however. Suddenly there was a confused clamor at the outside door while the bell pealed loudly through the house. Maud and her mother sprang up and faced each other.

"That man back again," faltered Mrs Estabrook.

"Oh mamma, no!" said Maud reassuringly. "A burglar would never ring the bell. Why, it's Tom!" she cried, with sudden conviction. "It's my brother come home," she repeated, as a voice from the next room was heard with renewed proffers of assistance.

Tom it was indeed, and very anxious about the safety of the household. As the brother and sister met in the gray of the early dawn he hastily explained how, having called in to see Amelia, she had given him no peace until he promised to return at once to The Willows, how he had done so in some vexation at what he considered her fussiness, until everything had suddenly been driven out of his mind by the sight of a blood stain on the piazza.

At which Maud shuddered and was about to relate her version of the night's adventures when Mrs Estabrook's voice was heard in reproachful accents from above. They hastened up stairs and found the poor lady inclined to hysterics at being left alone. She began an incoherent story in which Peter and the burglar were jumbled to Tom's utter bewilderment.

"But who winged the burglar then?" he asked. "Was it you, Maud?"

"Hush sh!" breathed his mother with warning finger upraised. "He's in there, you know."

"In there! Why, I thought you said he was gone! And what on earth is Peter in there for?"

"No, no, not Peter, the—the burglar——"

"The burglar!" Tom jumped up. "You don't mean you've trapped the fellow! Bravo!" And he was hurrying to the door, when his sister laid a hand on his arm.

"Oh, wait, Tom," she said. "That is the oddest part of it all." And she told the tale of their strange guest. "It doesn't seem like his being a burglar, but I don't think he can be in his right mind," she concluded.

"By Jove! I should say not! Wanted to be locked up again? Why the man must be a first class crank. Well, I'll have a look at him."

He left the room and the two women heard the key turn in the lock. They held their breath to listen, but all they could distinguish in the next room was a confused sound of voices and laughter. Presently Tom came back accompanied by the supposititious burglar.

"My mother and sister, Mr Folliott," said Tom with a wave of the hand and a twinkle of the eye. "Mother, this is my friend Mr Folliott, who seems to think there is some mystery that needs clearing up."

The real burglar was never found. Therefore Tom Estabrook was unable to settle the question if that "suspicious stranger" resembled Mr Marston Folliott in anything beyond the scar. Even that had nearly disappeared before Mr Folliott left The Willows, so that when Amelia first saw her future brother in law she gravely remarked that she could not imagine how mamma and Maud could have made such a singular mistake. She was sure she never could. Which from the cause of the whole misunderstanding was certainly rather trying. But then Amelia was trying sometimes, as people without a sense of humor are apt to be.—Kate Putnam Osgood in Harper's Bazar.

Logan's Love of Knuckle Down

Senator Logan was very fond of playing with the children, said a lady who was for many years been a frequenter of the Logan household. The senator used to get so absorbed when he was playing with the little ones that he cared nothing for what was going on around him. He was very fond of his grandson, Tucker, Tucker's boy, about 4 years old. I remember that just one day before he was taken ill he was playing marbles in a room with the boy. The game was pretty evenly matched and the general was absorbed in it. While the game was at its height the servant brought in a card to him. It was that of a prominent senator. The general, who was down on his knees at the time [illegible] to shoot his marble, [illegible] a moment, then [illegible]

"Tell the caller to take a seat and I'll be there in a minute. I want to finish the game, for the boy is ahead of me now."—Washington Letter.

Keep Your Thoughts [illegible]

Your value and charm for others as a companion depends far more on what you think than on what you say. If your thought is all pure, clean, bright, [illegible] and [illegible] wherever you go people will always be glad to see you [illegible]. If your thought [illegible] you bring an actual pleasure to people. You bring [illegible] and strength to them. Your thought helps to strengthen their bodies. They feel better for seeing you. You are as a fountain of health and pleasure wherever you go.—Prentice Mulford's White Cross.

TURNING A PENNY.

HOW A BARKENTINE'S STEWARD VICTUALED FOR A VOYAGE

Beans, Dried Fruit and Chickens—Onions Forgotten—What the Captain Said—In a Dead Calm—A Serious Situation—A Close Call.

The barkentine Maple Leaf in 1852 was engaged in trade between New York and Brazil. Her cargoes south were a miscellaneous assortment of domestic goods and on the homeward trip she usually carried hides and horns. I was on my second trip as supercargo, and with a Yankee's natural turn for speculation saw an opportunity to "turn a penny." Space on shipboard, like space in a widely circulated newspaper, is very valuable. As supercargo I was also steward and cook, and the galley, with its lockers, was my personal domain. As steward it was my duty to victual the ship for a voyage which might last four or even five months, but which was usually performed in from forty to seventy days. When fully victualed for the longest possible voyage, as the rules required, there was barely room in the galley or storeroom "to stick a pin."

In Pernambuco I had seen clear horns sold at ten cents each and cloudy ones for seven and even less. I knew also that their value in New York at that time was from thirty to twenty five cents. I possessed [illegible] doubloon, about $60, and quietly invested the sum in horns. I had them conveyed on board surreptitiously as "provisions" and stored in the darkest portion of the storeroom. Then I victualed the vessel with beans, rice, dried fruit—such articles as were not calculated to decay in an equatorial climate and which possessed the desirable property of swelling during culinary preparation. As a tempting attraction and to encourage the idea that I was a good provider two coops of eighty chickens cackled and squawked on the quarter deck, and I had no trouble in persuading the sailors to take charge of a large bag of chicken feed for the sustenance of the fowls until they should be needed from time to time for pot pies. Thus provisioned with the customary amount of salt meats and flour we cleared from Pernambuco for New York.

THE DENOUEMENT

Tolerably fair sailing weather lasted until we were off the Isle of Pines, and then for eleven days the barkentine did not move an inch. The eighty chickens, like the last rose of summer, were faded and gone. Then I began to exercise all the culinary art I possessed in making the staples palatable. One day, however, the captain remarked that he had seen no yams. Yams were a bulky vegetable, and I had given up their space to the horns. I said I could find only indifferent yams in the Pernambuco market and was sure they would spoil in crossing the equator.

"But onions," said the captain, "you have onions?"

Unfortunately I had forgotten onions.

"Let me see what you have," said he, leading the way down into the galley. I was aware that the denouement was coming, and I lighted a small lamp and led the way straight to the horns. Hitherto, Capt Ellsworth had always professed friendship for me, but when he saw the nature of my provisions—the vessel thirty or forty days from port and in a dead calm—he exhibited symptoms of decided impatience.

"If I were to tell the crew of what I have seen," said he, "they would throw you overboard."

Time hangs heavily on one's hands when becalmed at sea even under the most favorable circumstances, but to a steward who is likely to starve his messmates through his own folly it is simply intolerable. Had I not awakened on the following morning to find the vessel bowling along before a chopping breeze I think I might have saved the crew the trouble of feeding me to the sharks.

On the day that we reached New York and while the barkentine was passing through Hell Gate, the captain came forward to where I was leaning over the rail and said in a low and confidential tone:

"Steward, how much longer could you have served full rations?"

"Till dinner time to morrow," I answered.—Detroit Free Press.

Wedding in Old Virginia

The wedding was lovely—the bridesmaids, or as the old fashioned expression here is, the ones who wait on her, did charmingly, and I must tell you about it. The church, built by an architect who had no knowledge of latter day wedding processions, had no center aisle, but this was no difficulty to a Virginia girl fertile in resources. First of all up came the ushers, two by two from each side. They met in front of the altar and crossed over, then a pair of maids in pink and blue came up the right aisle and crossed over to the left side, then two of the groomsmen just behind them, forming an effective background and giving a real southern air of protection. This way of coming first from one side and then from the other continued until all were in their places, and then came the bride on her father's arm, a veritable vision of loveliness in white satin, and the becoming tulle veil.

Tender hands had arranged the veil, loving hearts were beating with emotion all about her, and the happy man did look happy, and said the "I will" with an emphasis worth recording. A girl near me said that the constant effort to look first on one side and then on the other to see the procession of rosebud girls was rapidly making her cross eyed. After the service, back to the house we went, and then there was a supper—no miserable rich supper from a caterer, but turkeys brown and tender, hams pink and really sugar cured, salads dressed with recipes that had been treasured for years, and oysters not only as the Lord ordered they should be, but in every way that the ingenuity of the darkey cook could arrange them. A really Virginia supper is, as you know, Dolly, well worth eating.—"Bab" in New York Star.

Knew Something Would Happen

Snobson—Did you read this in the papah about Blinks, ol' fellah? Cadley—Blinks? That vulgah wetch? No. S.—But it says his fathah died. C.—Haw! S.—Left him a pot of dollahs! C.—Haw! Left Blinks a pot of dollahs? S.—Yaas. A wegulah bonanza, bay Jawve. C.—Demmit all! I suppose a fellah will have to wecognize him now. I knew something would happen to me if I didn't go across the watah this summah.—Town Topics.

Artesian Wells in New York

Many large establishments in New York have been driven to the necessity of boring artesian wells, partly from economy and partly from the great uncertainty of the supply of Croton water. The water from the wells is harder than the Croton and "flat" to the taste.—Chicago Times.

FUNNY THINGS OF THE WAR

Queer Freaks Taken by Men on the March—Carrying a Looking Glass.

"There were lots of funny things about the war," said Col Frederick Martin of the Brooklyn Elevated the other day, "now that you think of them when the tears are dried away, and about the funniest things I recall were the queer articles the boys used to pick up on the march and the eccentric way in which they'd tote 'em along to finally adorn some ditch by the wayside. Stragglers were the worst at this, but all the fellows were bad enough. Whenever the army went through a first family residence the boys would capture what struck each as most attractive, and some of their fancies were peculiar. They had a great weakness for cradles. You may ask me what a man treading his way to the front wanted with a mahogany cradle, and I'm blest if I know, but they took 'em. In turn one man would back a cradle and carry it a dozen miles, then he'd begin to cuss and finally drop it.

"Now you'd suppose that any ordinary idiot would just look at a cradle as it lay in the road and pass on, but they wouldn't. So no one would be certain to pick it up and lug it a few miles further into the Confederacy.

"I recall one cradle that traveled 100 miles on blue backs before it went to increase the blaze of a mess fire. Somehow they seemed to think vaguely that there was a chance of getting the infant southerner home, but they never succeeded.

"The funniest thing I ever saw carried was a looking glass high as your head and two feet wide. I saw it first in the parlor of a central Virginian mansion and next on a soldier's back headed for Petersburg. Then I lost sight of it for two days and found it again propped up against a tree forty miles further along. The next day I saw it traveling tenderly on a straggler's back. He had his gun in one hand and had somehow strapped the glass so that he could get along without holding fast to it.

"Well, this fellow must have got tired, for the next day a third man had it and the next a fourth. This chap toted it on to the lines at Petersburg. He set it up against a tree, took a long regretful look at full length of his shabby self and turned away with a sigh.

"It was just as well that he did. The next minute along came a minie bullet buzzing like a hornet, and hit the glass square in the center and smashed it into a frame full of cracks radiating from around the hole.

"The heavier and the more useless things were the more they clung to them, even combining to escort pianos into untimely graves in mud holes, but the man who could steal a rocking chair was a white robed angel in his own mind and the object of universal envy.

"Another funny thing was to have the sutler strike the camp loaded with condensed milk. I've seen a whole regiment sitting on a fence, each man with a milk can in one hand, dipping out the thick white stuff with his forefinger and licking it off with an expression of beatitude that would make a Raphaelite saint look sick in comparison."—New York Sun.

A Most Remarkable Climate

At a point where the two ranges of the Cordilleras, the eastern and western, which traverse Peru from north to south meet, and from what is known as the junction of Pasco (el nudo de Pasco) is located the city of Cerro de Pasco, 156 miles from Lima. It is built upon honeycombed foundations and possesses a most remarkable climate by reason of its great height above the sea level. From December to March, a season which the people of the Cerro term their winter, whereas in reality it is their summer, the temperature during the day is from 12 to 13 degrees above zero, at night it falls to near zero, but the water seldom freezes.

During this season the sun appears at times, and from the purity of the atmosphere the heat caused by its rays is almost unbearable. A person may be standing partly in the sunlight and a portion of his body may be in the shade; this portion is disagreeably cold, while the part exposed to the sun is uncomfortably warm. It would be difficult to find another locality where the atmospheric changes are more distinctly marked.—New York Graphic.

Historian Bancroft's Methods of Labor

Mr Bancroft's methods of labor are peculiar. He has had his historical data in the vaults of a safe deposit company in Washington for years. When he intends to write he sends for whatever notes or manuscripts he needs—and he has copies of all the archives of the United States and several foreign countries gathered at an immense cost of money and labor—and devotes himself to study until he has every fact fixed in his mind, with the relating circumstances. Then he calls in his stenographer and dictates to him at length, constantly walking up and down his room as he does so, generally with his hands under his coat tails, or leaning back in his easy chair with a long German pipe in his mouth. After the notes are written out Mr Bancroft devotes himself to the work of condensing and refining them, often reducing five or six pages into one. The result is then copied and laid away often for years until the subject or the epoch of which he is treating is complete. Then he takes the manuscript, goes over it again in the same manner, leaving scarcely a line as it originally stood, but rewriting the whole.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

French and English Cookery

The difference between French and English cookery lies chiefly—so far as meat is concerned—in the attitude of the cook regarding the inherent flavor and aroma of the viand. The French are greatly addicted to the habit of disguising the natural flavor of meat with adventitious sauces, the reason being that French meat is often deficient in natural flavor. In England, on the other hand, where the 5 year old mutton and other kinds of meat have a more agreeable and richer flavor of their own, the chef best shows his skill by preserving this flavor, which after all is more inviting and appetizing than any sauce ever invented by a culinary genius. The French cook is too often tempted to extend his art to dark fleshed game, and seeking to adorn it with new flavors destroys the original savor and aroma in which consists the value of the dish.—New York Post.

The Soil of Nevada

The soil of Nevada, which was thought to be as a general thing arid and incapable of cultivation, is found to be remarkably well adapted, with the assistance of irrigation—and in some instances without it—for the raising of all sorts of crops that are produced elsewhere under the same climatical conditions.—New Orleans Times Democrat.

There is something wrong in the system when idleness is burdened with wealth and industry with famine.—Col Bob Ingersoll.

A GRAVE PROBLEM

TOUCHING THE VITAL SPOT IN OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

How Many Congressmen Shall We Have When Our Population Shall Be Numbered Among the Hundred Millions? A Serious Matter.

"Sunset Cox once said that a greater and graver problem than that of taxes and finance was sure to arise in the future, and a future not very far off, and it is a question that touches the vital spot in our form of government. That is the question of apportionment. The apportionment upon which the present house of representatives is based is the work mainly of Mr Cox, and he spent many weeks in the arduous labor of preparing the bill. It looks very easy, but it is not. All you have got to do is to decide how many people shall be entitled to a representative, and then divide the total population of each state by this figure. That will give the number of representatives each state is entitled to. But the trouble is to fix the ratio. It is a growing trouble, and it is going to be very difficult. Mr Cox indeed is disposed to think that it may become a very dangerous trouble, and due to the fact that some time or other not many generations hence the population of the United States will be numbered among the 100 000 000. There won't be any trouble about raising crops enough to feed 1 000 000 000 in this country. The whole population of [illegible]2 000 000 by the census of 1880 might be placed in the state of Texas and not be crowded any more than the people of Great Britain are crowded. But when our population passes 100 000 000 one of two things must happen. Either the number of the members of the house of representatives must be increased to an absurdly large figure, or the smaller states and those whose population shows the least percentage of increase must see their representation in the house constantly dwindling away. Mr Cox in 1880 was obliged to cut down the number of representatives in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maryland. Nevada wouldn't have had any representative but for the constitutional provision guaranteeing each state one, and if the ratio had been a few thousands larger Delaware would, but for the constitution, have lost its single representative.

"Mr Cox's first idea was to fix the number upon which representation is based at a higher figure than that adopted, but the relentless protests from states which would thereby lose a representative or two were so great that he did not do it. Yet it is found that the present membership of the house, 325, is too large both for convenience and for efficiency in transacting business. Motions have already been made to remove the desks and seat the members, as in the English parliament, on benches. If at the next apportionment, which follows the census of less than three years hence, the number of representatives is increased, congress will be obliged either to enlarge the present chamber of the house or huddle the members together on benches. Mr Cox is inclined to think that there will be needed in the congress that follows that census the highest qualities of prudence and statesmanship in order to prepare an apportionment bill that will stand the least chance of becoming a law. One thing is certain—if the present ratio is retained the house will number between 400 and 500 members, while on the other hand if the number which makes the basis is increased many of the older states will lose representatives, to only one or two will be allotted any increased number, while the new states in the Mississippi valley will in any event have greatly increased representation. It is estimated that the population in 1890 will be found to be between 65 000 000 and 68 000 000, a greater number than any republic ever had, a greater number than any limited or constitutional monarchy now has. At least 70 per cent of this increase will be found beyond the Mississippi and 90 per cent of it beyond the Alleghanies.

"If then it be decided that no state is to lose its present number of representatives, the number of members in the next house will be 470 (approximately). New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania would gain—New York two, probably, the other two states one possibly, but it is probable that not another state east of the Alleghenies, with the possible exception of Georgia, would gain a single one of the 125 new members. Nor would there be any great gains in any of the states east of the Mississippi. It is probable that from 90 to 100 of these new members would be apportioned to the great states west of the Mississippi. Texas would press New York very hard as the state having the largest representation. Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota, all admitted, would gain an increased representation of from 40 to 60 per cent, and Oregon, California and Washington, if it is admitted, would rival many of the older states in the number of their representatives."

But it will be difficult to induce any congress to pass an apportionment bill fixing the number of new members at a larger figure than 350. Should that number be selected it would fix the ratio of representation (approximately) at one for each 180 000 of population. This would certainly very greatly reduce the representation of the older states, and if the number of members be kept at the present figure (3[illegible]) New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Florida and Nevada would be represented by only one member each, Maine, Connecticut and Maryland by three, and it is doubtful if a single state east of the Alleghanies would gain a member. Since the census of 1810 the states on the Atlantic slope have steadily lost. New York once had 12 members, Massachusetts 18, Virginia 20, Maine 7, Connecticut [illegible], but though the population of none of these states has decreased and the total population is more than twice as great as it was in 1840 and the number of members of the house more than four times as many as were in the First congress, yet since 1810 every state on the Atlantic slope has lost representation. And though by the year 1900 our population will be not far from 90 000 000 these states must either submit to further losses or else the house of representatives must be constituted the largest legislative body in history.—New York Sun.

The Ethics of Gentility

Mrs Hannah Whitall Smith is said to be engaged in the work of teaching Washington ladies the ethics of gentility. She has discovered that none of them know how to express disdain in a bow nor how to crush an aspirant by a slow half turn to the right.—Detroit Free Press.

A company has been organized in California for the purpose of growing [illegible]. Professor Hilgard thinks that [illegible] would thrive admirably in the all [illegible] of the state.

A Different View of It

A [illegible] who was driving out on the Holden road the other day came to a spot where the snow had badly drifted on each side of the track just as a woman driving a horse and "pung" entered the other end of the cut. As both held to the road their horses soon came head on and stopped.

"Why didn't you turn out?" shouted the man.

"Why didn't you?" replied the woman.

"I've got seven miles to drive, but I'll stay here all winter before I'll turn out."

"And I've got five dozen eggs here, and I'll let 'em freeze as hard as rocks before I'll give an inch."

The man dropped the lines, lighted a cigar and leaned back on his seat. The woman dropped her lines, lighted her pipe and wrapped the old buffalo robe around her feet. Thus they sat for eight minutes, when the man grew impatient and called:

"What's the price of hogs out your way?"

"Oh, you've got all the pork you want in your sleigh," she answered.

"I'm glad I'm a widower!"

"And I'm glad I'm a widder!"

"Eh? Are you a widow?"

"Sartin, and I own 225 acres of the best land in Greenfield. So you are a widower?"

"Yes'm. Madam, pray excuse me. I'll cheerfully turn out."

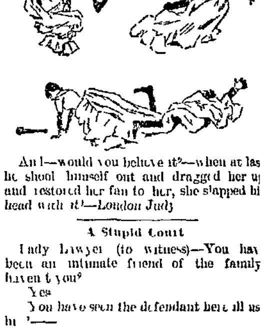
"Oh, don't mention it. I'm perfectly willing to haul into the snowbank."

"Ah! madam, allow me to hope that you will overlook my——"

"Oh certainly. Fine weather, but rather cold. Good by."

"Good by, madam. Hope you a safe journey."—Detroit Free Press.

He Caught the Train



And—would you believe it?—when at last he shook himself out and dragged her up and restored her fan to her, she slapped his head with it!—London Judy.

A Stupid Court

Lady Lawyer (to witness)—You have been an intimate friend of the family, haven't you?

Yes.

You have seen the defendant here ill use him——

He Lawyer—I object. The question is improper.

The Court—Objection sustained.

Lady Lawyer—Haven't you seen the defendant——

He Lawyer—Object. Same ground.

The Court—Same ruling.

Lady Lawyer—Well, then, what I want to know is hasn't his wife, my client, been shamefully ill——

He Lawyer—Object.

Court—Objection sustained.

Lady Lawyer—Please state, then, what you know about the cruelty of the man to——

He Lawyer—Object.

Court—Same ruling. Ask the witness, madam, to tell what he knows.

Lady Lawyer—Well, that's what I'm doing. Now, sir, tell us what you know.

Witness—About what?

Lady Lawyer—Why, about the cruelty——

He Lawyer—Object.

The Court—Objection sustained. No more of this, madam.

Lady Lawyer—Very well. Now then, witness, tell us what you know.

Witness—Ask me questions and I'll answer 'em.

Lady Lawyer—Why, just tell us how you have seen him abuse—Oh dear me! I forgot. Well, tell us—Oh judge (breaking down in tears) he knows perfectly well what I want him to say!

The Court—Recess for half an hour. Our learned sister can employ the time in composing herself.—San Francisco Post.

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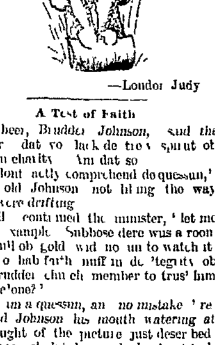

—London Judy

A Test of Faith

"I s been, Brudder Johnson," said the minister, "dat yo lack de true spirit ob Christian charity." "Am dat so?"

"I s dont 'actly comprehend de quessun," replied old Johnson, not liking the way things were drifting.

"Well," continued the minister, "let me gib you sample. Subbose dere wus a room chuck full ob gold, wid no un to watch it, would yo hab faith 'nuff in de 'tegrity ob your brudder church member to trus' him in dere alone?"

"Dat am a quessun, an' no mistake," replied old Johnson, his mouth watering at the thought of the picture just described. "In a case ob dat kin', sah, I s don't tink I wud trus myself."—Judge.

Instructing the Firemen

The engine arrived and the men came piling upstairs. The small boy of the family was in a fever of delight. He was examining the hose and chopping things with the axes, for there wasn't a very bad fire and it took them some time to get at it. They found a burning joist set on fire by the neighbor's furnace. The little boy meanwhile was talking to some of the disengaged firemen.

"Say," he said, "if there should be a big fire here and you want to save things, please don't save my winter flannels, for they tickle me."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Not a Mourner

At the funeral of a wealthy New Yorker last week a reporter was elbowing his way with as little commotion as possible among the well dressed mourners who packed the wide hall and spacious drawing rooms. Accosting a fine looking man faultlessly dressed, who was standing near the door, the reporter inquired for his name to add to his well filled list. He was electrified when the gentleman replied "I guess you don't want my name, young feller. I'm just a common cop watching the hats and bric a brac."—New York Tribune.

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MARION must make another effort for gas. The continuous evidence of what a boom such a find would bring to Marion makes it a duty upon our citizens to renew the research. Because the first well was a failure *is no sign* that a second would be. Findlay's first effort was not a success and many others proved failures, yet the gas and oil that has been discovered are paving the streets with gold, so to speak. Many a dry well has been drilled in the Lima field, yet the oil flows at the rate of hundreds of barrels daily. The first effort in Marion was *only a half* effort at best. A broken down machine was poorly handled and one difficulty followed another until the well was abandoned, long before the company intended it should be. Inquiries still come *in about* the reported gusher here, and they tend to show what *might be*, and so long as there is no good evidence that gas and *oil are foreign* to this territory another effort should be made. All the old fogies in Ohio could not check Marion's boom in the event of such a find

KANSAS furnishes an example in womans' rights as well as prohibition, but the *recent* developements there show that women are not anxious to vote under the new law. In the registration going on preparatory for next month's municipal elections—the only ones at which the law allows women to vote—the gentle sex do not seem to take much *interest*. In Leavenworth, which had about 18,000 inhabitants in 1880, only about 600 women have registered. In Topeka, a town of about the size of Leavenworth, only some 500 have taken advantage of the law. *In a few places* the women seem to be registering as numerously *as the men*, but, in the main, the registration is a discouragement to the ardent advocates of equal rights. When it is remembered that Kansas only went part way in granting suffrage to women, it is easy to see that many women would not like such stinginess on the *part of the state and* would refuse to except any such half-privilege

A CASE of wonderful surgery has come to light in New Bedford, Mass. Seventeen years ago Edward K. Russell *met* with an accident in which the tendons *of one of* his legs were severed, rendering the limb useless, and last year the surgeon decided to make an attempt to remedy the defect. The operation consisted of the transferring of two tendons from a dog, which had been *etherized for the purpose, to* Russell's limb, where *they were united* with the severed tendons in that member. For ten months after the operation Russell was not allowed to use his leg, but within a few days he has been permitted to exercise it. He has now resumed his work; and has complete control of the limb, the *operation having proved* to be an entire success. This is the first time that this operation has been performed in this country, though it has been previously attempted with only partial success.

SENATOR SHERMAN, "the Ohio man" as he is now alluded to, is ostensibly making that southern trip for pleasure, but while the Senator has his left eye on the New South he is looking with the other toward the presidential nomination in 1888. The Senator seems to be making a remarkable success of his trip and other candidates can see but little pleasure for themselves while he is there. Just what impression the trip has had on the great Ohio man will be seen after he begins his campaign speeches in 1888. The Senator has waved the "bloody shirt" pretty freely in the past, and the trip may have changed his *mind on that* subject, yet a few more Birmingham episodes will spoil all favorable impressions.

ALL remember how suggestions came pouring in after the terrible Milwaukee hotel fire, a couple of years ago, for laws to govern the kind of materials to be used in the construction of hotels, limiting the number of stories to which they could be built, and requiring all sorts of escapes at every window. Of course, all recollections of the holocaust pass away before anything is thought *of to provide* against a repetition of such an occurrence. A like volume of suggestions are now in order over the Buffalo cremation, but we hope to see something tangible evolved from the brains of the thousands of architects who are plying their avocations in this country.

FROM present reports it seems that Lima, Findlay and Fostoria are wonderfully heated and lighted. There really appears to be no end to the surprises and wonders in the natural world. But from the experiences of the *pennsylvania* oil and gas fields it is demonstrated that there is a limit to the supply In the new fields they all appear to draw at first from a large accumulated supply Of course in time this is exhausted, and reliance must be placed upon the natural production and supply. But from present indications this supply is immense and to a certain extent unfailing

CARTER HARRISON has accepted the nomination as Mayor of Chicago for a third term. Mr. Harrison declined the nomination, but the *urgency of friends* induced him to accept.

DR. SOWLES appears to be another of those individuals anxious to obtain notoriety through the names of the great, or the presumably great. The doctor has been greatly alarmed lately lest President Cleveland shall *become too fat*, and the good doctor went to the trouble *to warn his fatship* through the columns of the press that he was taking on too much adipose tissue and taking too little exercise. Grover does not seem to be alarmed, although the doctor makes as much fuss as an old hen with a brood of ducks, and Dan Lamont says Grover *does not weigh as much* as when he came to the White House, and that he takes plenty of exercise.

A DECISION has been rendered by the General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor, ordering local branches from *voting money for* political purposes. The order is a wise one for the Knights can act more becoming in politics as individual, self-thinking citizens, than they can as the slaves of such cranks as Henry George. We rather suspect that Mr. George will change his theories *when he realizes that revenue is to be* cut off from such misguided followers.

THE pencil-pushing fraternity is discussing the pass question to a considerable extent, and a good many of the brethren seem worried Basing a decision on actual *experience we are of the* opinion that the editor who has plenty of business and attends to it doesn't care, for he hasn't the time to ride out one fourth what his passes cost him in advertising. Like all other passes extended to a live paper, they cost more than the usual price where money is paid.

If the boys in the signal service department will stop kicking about the failure of Congress to properly appropriate funds for them, and show us for a few days that they really know something about weather signals then we will propose a popular subscription that will *soon be large enough to keep the* whole department in cigarettes for a year. But we must have evidence that they know their business, and are only monkeying because funds are scarce.

THE demand is for good councilmen. *Let good men be nominated in each* party and then the uncertain and peculiar result of local election cannot place a poor member in that body. It is not safe to rely on either party electing a good man to the council. Let good men be on each ticket and the thing is certain. Any man who neglects the nominating caucuses has no business kicking on the *mismanagement of public affairs*.

YOU can tell by surroundings whether anarchists fest a neighborhood or not. Outside of the great metropolis the state savings banks of the state of New York have $182,486,730 made up of small *deposits. Those workingmen* probably don't spend much time listening to anarchists or any other "ists" too lazy to work, but by their own industry better their own condition and desire no murderous upturning of the country.

AN *editor who has studied* the situation says, "call in your railroad passes, it is safer to walk just now, anyhow." That man's head is level. The pass of the newspaper man is issued on the condition that the company is in no way liable for any accident that befalls him *and the editorial "deadhead" as the* world looks at him, doesn't have any of the protection of the common passenger.

AT Birmingham, Ala., Tuesday, the proprietor of the first hotel at which Senator Sherman stopped, refused to allow a delegation of colored men *to enter* the parlor to pay their respects to Senator Sherman, whereupon the Senator immediately paid his bill and went to another hotel.

A MAN who can not be suited in politics *in Michigan would find fault* with the kind of slippers worn to walk the golden streets of the New Jerusalem. Five state tickets are now in the field there, and it is a fact that the crop of politics is only rivaled by the crop of sawdust.

THE Cincinnati democrats have nominated Judge Matson as their candidate for mayor and the republicans have renominated Amor Smith. The contest will doubtless prove a lively one, but the chances are greatly in favor of Smith, *for he has proven a splendid executive.*

THE belief is prevalent at Washington, that Assistant Secretary Fairchild will positively be Manning's successor The appointment will not be made before April 1st, the date upon which Mr. Manning's *resignation* takes effect

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND denies the statement that he is growing fatter day by day. If there is one point above another on which *Grover is sensitive, it* is any reference to his obesity.

IT is stated that Judge Cooley will most likely be the president of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and it is said this will accord exactly with the wishes of the President.

THE lower House of the New Jersey Legislature passed unanimously the bill giving women the right to vote for school trustees in school districts

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LOCUS LITERARY REPUTATIONS.

Fashionable Folks Who Masquerade in Other People's Talent—A Curious Craze.

I have a young friend, a really talented fellow, who if he had been cast upon the town would have made a place for himself in literature He happens to enjoy a competency, however, and takes life far too easily to disturb himself with more serious employment than the killing of time. He is fond of making literary experiments in his more industrious moments, and has quite a collection of manuscript stowed away in his desk, which he is continually *promising* himself to revise and polish up for publication. Some of these affairs, stories, sketches, little farces, *fragments* of *verse*, he has read to me, and they have invariably been sufficiently ingenious in construction and good in *quality to impress themselves upon my* memory.

Judge my amazement, therefore, when *I found one of the stories I had listened to* over the cigars and grog in his apartments printed in a prominent magazine a week *or so ago. Judge of my further astonish*ment when I noted that it was credited not to the real author but to a certain *woman who enjoys quite a literary repu*tation in society, one of the swell amateurs who have made writing for the press a *fashion. There had been a sort of senti*mental weakness on my friend's part for this person I knew. It was evident now that it had gone the *length of his lending* her his talent to masquerade in.

I got quite a collection of her other stories together, or rather of those she has been credited with writing, and read them attentively There was no mistaking their authorship. Every one bore the earmarks of my idle amateur, who would not take the trouble to seek an outlet for his talent, but was ready to bestow it on a woman who had caught his platonic fancy. When I next met him I taxed him with this injustice to himself, but he laughed the reproof lightly off

"Bless your innocent soul!" he said. "They all do it Do you suppose the stories Miss X. and Mrs Y. sign are any more original with them than Mrs. Z.'s are with her? The only difference is that they buy theirs from some professional scribbler Mrs Z happens to get hers for a less substantial price."

Curiously enough, only a couple of nights later, I encountered at the theatre an able literary hack whom I have known for many years He looked unusually *prosperous*, considering his old estate. He was, he said, earning a good salary as sub-editor on a morning paper, and put*ting in his odd time writing stories and* poetry As I had never seen any of these in print I remarked upon it He an*swered, a little embarrassed*.

"Well, you see I don't print them over my own name."

I supposed he meant that he used a nom de plume, and as he exhibited no desire to be confidential I pressed my inquiries *no further I have since learned* that he has for months been supplying one of our society geniuses with manuscript which that person *adopts as her own. She* pays him handsomely for the work, and probably gives the manuscript away for the sake of *getting it into* type.

There must be plenty of kindred cases to these, for the literary craze is fairly rampant in society, and where two examples of this form of fraud are to be found you may be bound that others exist However, it is so rarely that literature gets the benefit of a fashionable fad that we can condone an evil that has a certain alloy of good. In the excesses to which vanity will run, this is perhaps the most curious.—Alfred Trumble in The Journalist.

A Mexican "Masher."

The impudence and daring of some of these characterless Mexican adventurers whom one meets in tertulias here is almost beyond belief *During the reign of the* late Emperor Maximilian and his "poor Carlotta," one of these fellows, with ideas more hardy and enlarged than are usually to be found among such gentry, not content with having run the gauntlet of fortune with success and impunity, not satisfied with the advantages which his youth, good looks and assurance had procured him, had actually the vanity to imagine that his manifold attractions had won the notice of the empress After various preliminary reconnoiterings with his opera glass of the royal box at the Teatro Nacional, he determined on a closer investigation. Through one of those persons who are only too apt to lend their influence to such abuses of royal condescension, he requested and obtained an audience with the empress

On being admitted to her presence he made a grandiloquent speech, concluding in the oriental manner by presenting to her between his forefinger and thumb a fragrant nosegay. Carlotta, invariably kind and affable to every one, though *greatly astonished* at the fellow's presumption, received the gift with her usual urbanity, not meaning to hurt the feelings of the donor A perfumed billet, couleur de rose, dropped from the bouquet to the carpet. The adventurer was very thankful *to be only kicked out for his daring*, but the forbearance of the empress emboldened him to continue his indiscreet attentions to *the royal box at the teatro until his con*duct was observed by Maximilian, who on finding him to be the hero of the bouquet, ordered him off *immediately to the peni*tentiary of Belem On the fall of the empire he was released, whereupon he immediately made his *reappearance in the ter*tulias of Mexico and was received as readily as if he had just stepped out of the purifying waters of the Jordan.—Mexico Cor. Kansas City Times.

Courting in Ancient New York.

Grant Thorburn, the seedsman, won his wife in spite of a Mr. Casteel, whom he describes as "a rich merchant. At that time there were not six men in New York of equal wealth" What constituted a rich merchant in those primeval and halcyon days? Here is Thorburn's inventory of Casteel's wealth. "Mr. C. * * * owns two houses and stores in Broadway, besides a well filled store of jewels, etc." Think of that for a merchant prince!

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The trawl fishing enterprise recently undertaken in Puget sound has proved very successful soles, cod and rock cod being caught in abundance.—Chicago Times.

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Coins of the Confederacy.

A correspondent asks if there were any coins made by the southern Confederacy. I answer yes, however much it may have been denied. There were four silver half dollars coined, and no more The difficulty of obtaining bullion forced the mint to close April 30, 1861 One is owned by Professor Biddle, of the *Louisiana* university, and another is in the possession of Dr. Ames, of New Orleans I do not know *where the other two are Copies* may have since been struck from the same die. On the obverse of the coin is a representation of the *Goddess of Liberty* surrounded by thirteen stars denoting the thirteen states from which the Confederacy sprung, and on the lower rim the figures 1861. On the reverse there is a shield with seven stars, representing the seceding states; above the shield is a liberty cap, and entwined around it are stalks of sugar cane and cotton and "Confederate States of America."—"Observer" in Philadelphia

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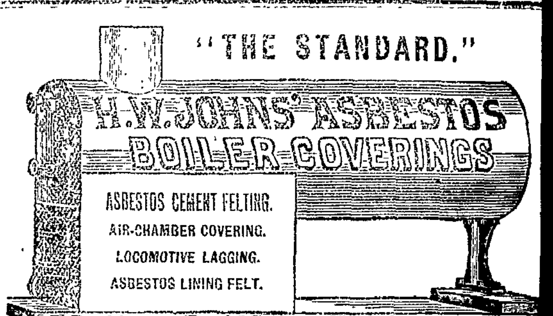

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[illegible] I met George [illegible] to Germany [illegible] He is [illegible] looking as ever [illegible] the United [illegible] and his [illegible] not an ad [illegible] sketch of [illegible] as spinners as [illegible] He tells me he likes [illegible] very well that [illegible] his German and [illegible] station He [illegible] Bismarck and [illegible] that the emperors [illegible] physically, is ex [illegible] the prospects of [illegible] did not think there [illegible] though every [illegible] and what would [illegible] no one but [illegible] the Emperor [illegible] school as well [illegible] it benefits the [illegible] for the other [illegible] has been called [illegible] the 10th [illegible] Mr Pendleton tells [illegible] Berlin and that [illegible] students attend the [illegible] says Berlin grows very [illegible] now has a population of

[illegible] great way in [illegible] of the [illegible] blue blood [illegible] That of the [illegible] lives at a board [illegible] his income of [illegible] thousands and [illegible] millions having [illegible] from year [illegible] still continue to increase [illegible] wife of one of [illegible] presidents [illegible] to be worth $500 [illegible] the result is [illegible] men are not [illegible] Washington, and [illegible] pending [illegible] prom [illegible] houses who have been [illegible] mortgages on their homes [illegible] entertaining bills and [illegible] mansion was sold it [illegible] this reason A [illegible] senator whose wife is well [illegible] society said yester [illegible] pass a law [illegible] residing in Wash [illegible] of the [illegible] days before the war [illegible] lived in [illegible] good [illegible] from [illegible] to all a [illegible] who have invaded [illegible] their magnificent [illegible] place [illegible] scattered all [illegible] avenue and K street [illegible] receptions, drive about [illegible] carriages, and the [illegible] thousands [illegible] have been received with [illegible] seen as a social [illegible] paid to obtain in

[illegible] the old Washingtonians' [illegible] aristocrats who come [illegible] the latter men of the past, [illegible] themselves for these [illegible] exclusiveness!

[illegible] fast becoming one of [illegible] past The old Washing [illegible] on every one, and you find [illegible] before the golden thrones [illegible] is governed by a differ [illegible] any other city, and the [illegible] who call upon you, [illegible] Any one who makes [illegible] Washington and leaves [illegible] residence upon it in a good [illegible] would receive calls from [illegible] ladies she calls upon If [illegible] fortune about it [illegible] little fear about the ac [illegible] and her invitations [illegible] will be accepted The [illegible] and in a short [illegible] herself one of the [illegible] society It is from [illegible] society has not as high [illegible] other cities It is the [illegible] country but it has also [illegible] It is made up of the most [illegible] ignorant You hear [illegible] Spanish from the same [illegible] bad grammar and [illegible] are thrown open to [illegible] here you must expect [illegible] is the olla podrida of the [illegible] United States, mixed [illegible] and it is not strange [illegible] of the United States [illegible] and real worth have [illegible] up social standards [illegible] should be better than

[illegible] arrested the other day with [illegible] received the 5000 or [illegible] before her at a [illegible] She was very beautiful in [illegible] toilette dress and I [illegible] shaking hands with [illegible] she had with the [illegible] of the army and [illegible] I saw Mrs [illegible] mother in law behind [illegible] She is a very fine look [illegible] young and fresh, [illegible] 40 She has made [illegible] Washington, and I [illegible] there She is [illegible] a pleasant talker [illegible] of being almost [illegible] daughter in her [illegible] She has provided with [illegible] country seat and [illegible] largely attended by [illegible] capital

[illegible] black eyed man, with [illegible] walking leisurely up [illegible] from the senate restaur [illegible] of the Capitol the other [illegible] his coat had [illegible] and it was in [illegible] Island He had [illegible] steps when he was [illegible] man, who looked [illegible] Chase apparently [illegible] sternly [illegible] to me sir [illegible] to see you! I thought you were a fine looking man They say a cat may look at a king and why not an American citizen at one of the United States senators?"

Senator Chase grunted and went on up the stairs I do not wonder, however at his being provoked at the inquiring gaze which strangers give to people whom they see at Washington Here every other man is a noted one, and one is on the alert to see the distinguished characters all about him Clothes and appearance mean so little and the most insignificant man may be the greatest statesman The man you think to be a dude may turn out to be a millionaire congressman or he may be a noted litterateur, and the poorly dressed woman whom you ride with in the street cars may be the wife of one of the richest senators. L R M

WILLIAM R TRAVERS

A Gentleman, a Financier, a Stutterer and a Wit

[Special Correspondence]

NEW YORK, March 11—William R Travers, of New York who went to the Bermudas to die is best known as a wit His humor is of a very delightful and quotable order and its very spontaneity bubbling through his stuttering speech like champagne through a half closed bottle, gives it an exhilaration that is exceedingly enjoyable

Mr Travers however although a New Yorker of New Yorkers came from the south In the year 1819 and in the month of July, he was born in the city of Baltimore a place where, Dr Oliver Wendell Holmes says, people live just about close enough to the sun to ripen well

Mr Travers came from the best of English stock His father was an able man, who lived over ninety years and his mother was one of the belles of that city of beautiful women Young Travers at school was a born wit just as he has been ever since, and his quaint sayings uttered in his stuttering way made it difficult for even the school teachers to maintain the saturnine dignity of their office And when he went to West Point to enter the United States military academy his buoyancy could not be kept down He was the same lively, incorrigible humorist Of course the strict rules and regulations of such a life did not harmonize with a disposition like his and it was not long before young Travers had decided that he was not cut out for a military hero Tradition indicates that the West Point people had arrived at the same conclusion Anyhow the young cadet gave up brass buttons and came down to New York where he entered Columbia college and in the course of time graduated with credit After that he set out at once to earn his living and to carve his way to fame and fortune In Baltimore he became a shipping merchant but he was not very fortunate in his business and reverses caused him to suspend in 1853 Then he decided to move to New York but before he moved he had, in 1849, married a charming and accomplished wife in the person of Miss Louisa Johnson daughter of Hon Reverdy Johnson, the great Maryland lawyer In New York he was not especially brilliant until he and Leonard Jerome formed a partnership These two men seemed thoroughly adapted to each other and their stock business rapidly grew in extent and profits Both became very rich and both soon achieved a high reputation as financiers and capitalists of the first order

Here are two stories which will show what sort of fun has made Travers famous

One day he was riding in a crowded street car His youngest son was sitting on his knee A very handsome young lady entered No one arose Mr Travers gallantry was touched

"Son," said he "g-g-get up and g-give the lady your s-seat

"H-Henry, said Mr Travers to Henry Clews, the well known banker, one day, 'H-Henry, d'd-didn't you s-s-say that you were a self made m-man?

'Certainly I made myself" said Mr Clews with some warmth

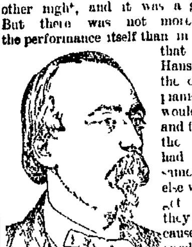
Then, when you were ab-b-bout it, w-why d-didn't you p-put in more h-h-h-h-hair on the top of your h-head? HENRY RANGER

HANS VON BULOW

Shut Out of a First Night—His Bad Temper

[Special Correspondence]

LONDON, March 7—They produced Bulfer's new opera 'Merlin' in Berlin the other night, and it was a great success But there was not more interest in the performance itself than in the treatment that was accorded Hans Von Bulow the celebrated pianist For they wouldn't let him in, and thus in spite of the fact that he had a ticket the same as everybody else who wanted to get in Why did they do this? because he had criticised the management of the theatre Von Bulow has a very trenchant pen and a very keen tongue, and he is always getting into trouble


HANS VON BULOW

During the latter part of 1881 he made a public exhibition of himself in Vienna At a concert attended by the leading members of the aristocracy he stepped forward to the front of the platform and taking from his pocket The Fremdenblatt addressed the audience in a tone of mingled ill temper and irony He said that the journal in question had found fault with his previous rendering of Beethoven's 'Egmont,' and that as he would not like to wrong the great composer again his orchestra would play instead the "Academical Overture of the Austrian Brahms The public indignantly protested and called for Beethoven's overture which after some hesitation on the part of Herr von Bulow, was produced Brahms Academical Overture was then expected but Herr von Bulow, after putting on his overcoat once more addressed the audience "I can not render it on the pianoforte he said and my musicians are too tired to play it themselves" It would be difficult to describe the angry feeling roused among the public of Vienna at that time by Herr von Bulow's behavior It is questionable whether he will ever be asked to play in Vienna again

How to Have Healthy Basements

By the following simple arrangement a partly underground apartment may be made perfectly free from dampness and bad odors Build a double chimney, one part for the fire, and the other so as to have an opening below the floor When the fire is burning the partition wall becomes heated enough to warm the air in the other flue causing a strong draught from below the floor Of course, if there is any stagnant water this has to be removed by thorough drainage —Cor American Agriculturist

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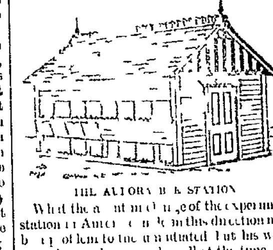
GOVERNMENTAL BEE RAISING

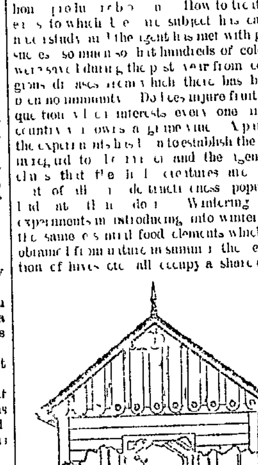
Description of the Experimental Station at Aurora Illinois

[Special Correspondence]

AURORA Ills March 14—Comparatively few people know that the government of the United States [illegible] its attention [illegible] into the bee business [illegible] in [illegible] which it experiments [illegible] of seeds the breed [illegible] work of benefit to [illegible] At present ex [illegible] on the part of the national [illegible] its infancy no [illegible] having been [illegible] this direction until June [illegible] 1885 [illegible] through the effort [illegible] the United States [illegible] experiment station was established [illegible] on W [illegible] the general government [illegible] the United States has been [illegible] large importer of sweets [illegible] countries amounting in 1885 [illegible] from France and Germany [illegible] This was an [illegible] of [illegible] portion of [illegible] has well have [illegible] from the [illegible] of honey producing [illegible] fields and prairies [illegible] known that honey is a substitute [illegible] kind of sweet from the manufacture of confectionery and pastry to making [illegible] the government [illegible] resolved to assist in the development of the industry among the bee keepers of the country


THE AURORA BEE STATION

What the [illegible] of the experiment station at Aurora [illegible] in this direction may be [illegible] him to the uninitiated but his work keeps him busy [illegible] the time It is a part of his duties to attend to the importation of foreign [illegible] of bees find out their true value and by [illegible] crossing develop [illegible] fitted to our climate and honey producing [illegible] How to treat the [illegible] to which the [illegible] subject has caused [illegible] study and the agent has met with great success so much so that hundreds of colonies were saved during the past year from contagious diseases [illegible] which there has before been no immunity Do bees injure fruit? is a question [illegible] interests every one in the country who owns a grape vine A part of the experiments [illegible] to establish the truth in regard to [illegible] and the agent declares that the [illegible] creatures are inno[illegible] of all [illegible] popularly laid at their door Wintering bees experiments in introducing into winter food the same [illegible] food elements which are obtained from nature in summer the [illegible] of hives etc all occupy a share of his attention The main feature of study during the past year was to control the fertilization of bees How to keep the stock pure after costly queens have been introduced into the country is a problem which heretofore the bee keeper has been unable to solve but after much experiment the agent has found a method of fertilizing the queens artificially which is indeed a wonderful discovery Another important subject for investigation is What are the best plants for honey producing purposes and how can the honey making season be prolonged? To aid in this work a large garden will be connected with the station during the coming year if the amount of the appropriation by congress warrants it


INTERIOR VIEW

The United States produces with its 3 000 000 colonies of bees 120 000 000 pounds of honey annually valued at $18 000 000 and $1 000 000 worth of wax yet not more than 5 per cent of those favorably situated for the cultivation of bees are engaged in that pursuit If even one half of those favorably situated would engage in the occupation the product would not fall short of $[illegible]0 000 000 or [illegible] in value The United States should become an exporter and not an importer of sweets The apiarists of the country have manifested a keen appreciation of the interest the government has taken in the industry and the results obtained are gratifying both to them and to the officers of the department The report of the agent in charge of this station is each year included in the report of the United States entomologist which forms a part of the report of the commissioner of agriculture Any one interested in the work can secure the report by applying to the congressman representing his district CHARLES P BOLTON

In a Turkish Harem

The women and children do not undress at night but add an added night robe to the clothes they already have on and sleep thus summer and winter They close all the doors and windows and sleep several in one room and doubtless would suffer dreadfully from the confinement were it not that Turkish carpenters never have heard of the plumb line, and so windows and doors all have crevices, which supply ventilation The tale of Oriental magnificence fail to impress one who has visited the best harems for they are one and all pictures of dirt and wanton extravagance The only great display is in the amount of rugs and jewelry On the floors of the general room for the women or the private suites it is always the same— cigarette ends candies nutshell necklaces, gold embroidered slippers and sashes and in short, all sorts of disorder and dirt and the women are always eating smoking or lolling about on the divans — Brooklyn Magazine

Deaf Mutes Not Seasick

It has been noticed that deaf mutes are rarely affected with seasickness The semicircular canals of the internal ear are probably absent or negative in function in these people The canals are not organs of hearing but of equilibration and when disturbed give rise to vertigo and nausea Dr William Jones, of Cambridge Mass claims that a counter irritant applied to the skin behind the [illegible]

HANNIBAL HAMLIN.

HOWARD OWEN WRITES ABOUT "THE OLD CARTHAGINIAN"

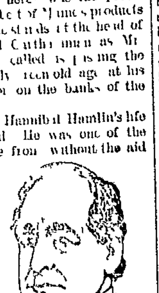
Sketch of the Life History of Abraham Lincoln's First Vice President—His Clawhammer Coat—Contempt of Overcoats—His Sprightly Green Old Age

[Special Correspondence]

AUGUSTA Me March 11—"What can you grow here?" inquired a distinguished English agriculturist of a friend a citizen of Maine, as they were traversing our rock bound coast

"We can raise men here!" was the proud response One of the best of Maine's products is the man who conspicuously stands at the head of this sketch The Old Carthaginian as Mr Hamlin is familiarly called is passing the evening of a gloriously green old age at his happy home in Bangor on the banks of the Penobscot river

Of the bare facts of Hannibal Hamlin's life you have already read He was one of the boys who came to the front without the aid of college training But he was always ahead of the rest of the boys at school, not only in his books, but in all the sports of the times One who knew him then always speaks of him as a [illegible] per His election to congress was in 1843 to which body he was then sent as a Democrat But in spite of his politics he stood in opposition to the aggressions of slavery, and advocated the doctrine that the territories should be dedicated to freedom In one of his finest speeches in the house he said


HANNIBAL HAMLIN

"Glory in New England and New England's institutions There she stands with her free schools and her free labor her fearless enterprise her indomitable energy With her rocky hills her torrent streams her green valleys her heaven pointed spires —her best is a moral monument [illegible] which the gratitude of her country binds the wreath of fame while protected freedom shall rest forever at its base

Only a few weeks ago he was here to attend the annual meeting of the Maine Press association of which he is an honorary member, and with erect form flashing eye and resonant voice he told of the time when he was chore boy devil and all hands in a country printing office before rollers were introduced

Hannibal Hamlin was called from the senate to the vice presidency and he was one of President Lincoln's mainstays during the dark days of the civil war

It is said that in the history of our country there has been but one other instance in which there was full and perfect harmony between the president and vice president, and that was in the case of President Jackson and Vice President Van Buren Mr Hamlin spurned office when to hold it involved the giving up of any political principle He gave up the lucrative position of collector of customs at Boston because he could no longer hold it under the policy enforced by Andy Johnson who was then president

Since Mr Hamlin's retirement he has been active in every political canvass appearing on the stump in this and other states with no apparent diminution of his power and interest While in public life no man asked Mr Hamlin for a reasonable favor that was not granted He could get up from his dinner and the rest and retirement of night to advocate the just claim of a friend He would personally go to the proper department of the government and remain there until the question was decided This gave him great power and has intrenched him in the hearts of the people of the state regardless of party or sect

Hannibal Hamlin is not a man of wealth No boodle has ever stuck to his hands He lives plainly unostentatiously His children are grown up to manhood and gone forth from the paternal roof On every public occasion on which he appears he is plainly the favorite, if cheers and hearty greetings mean anything He is seen in the streets of Bangor on the coldest days of winter in his clawhammer coat without the unnecessary adjunct of an overcoat He walks miles at a stretch with the alacrity of a boy, just for a constitutional He is found in the huts of the poor and humble smoking an old T D pipe in company with the head of the household He knows everybody and everybody knows him On the load of the lumberman he is often seen mounted chatting merrily with the driver, who is so proud of his companionship that he will tell about it for years afterward He never forgets a face and rarely a name, and generally can tell you more of your family history than you know yourself

His chief relaxation is in fishing He employs the old fashioned angle worm for bait and discards all the new fangled appliances for capturing the finny tribe He appeared before the fishery committee during the present session, asking for further protection to fish

He is exceedingly gay in the ballroom At the legislative reunion last winter he participated in every dance down on the order, and then went home in the morning with the prettiest girl on the floor His life is pure sweet, simple and when you look into his kindling eye and glowing face you would be hardly aware that you stand in the presence of the trusted bosom friend and confidential adviser of Abraham Lincoln in the darkest days this country ever saw

HOWARD OWEN

Testing an Improved Car Heater

About 500 people stood in the rain for half an hour the other day along the tracks of the Hudson River railroad near Forty fifth street bridge to see a rather novel test in the way of improved car heaters A patent stove and boiler [illegible] in steel armor, which weighs 700 pounds was dropped from the top of the bridge on a pile of dry goods boxes and half an [illegible] to prove that even in the most violent of [illegible] the fire inside the heater could not escape and catch the broken parts of the car The heater was a big steel boiler, with a steel [illegible] through which some coils of pipe filled with water passed The pipes were to be run up and down the car [illegible] in an endless coil and the heated water in them was to heat the car The test was apparently successful The fire was lighted and the heater dropped off the bridge falling forty feet without burning or letting the coal escape The only effect of the shock was to break one of the [illegible] pipe coils which put out the fire —[illegible] York Tribune

The Handkerchief Cure

Portland Lifter James L Randall created [illegible] [illegible] the other day A street car horse [illegible] [illegible] the animals [illegible] cond, but do [illegible] The [illegible] be diverted Then [illegible] and he will [illegible] The driver agreed to try [illegible] once Then the

JENNY JUNE

The Wonders It Education Teaches Us Anything After All

[Special Correspondence]

NEW YORK, March 11—Does education teach us anything? I begin to doubt it and I think it would be at any rate be a fair question for a debating society Men and women learn all sorts of things nowadays, but they do not seem to think of applying what they have learned, or at least what they have been taught to the circumstances of every day life We study equations and the calculus but we have not learned to number our houses so that they can be seen even in broad daylight We talk about ventilation, but we shut ourselves up in furnace heated houses or stove heated rooms cement cracks or crevices that admit a breath of fresh air and discuss the latest scientific developments in sanitation in rooms that are filled with atmospheric malaria Our street cars and public buildings have still no means of changing the air or admitting it from outside but by opening windows and making a draught, which is death to nervous and sensitive people

The Nineteenth Century club of New York the latest exponent and collective representative of modern thought and culture asks for "evening dress," upon its cards of invitation from women to whom evening dress means the lowest of low necked bodices and no sleeves at all This in a public art gallery where the meetings are held which will hold 700 or 800 people and where the only means of ventilation which has ever been tried is that of laboriously and with much noise opening great sliding windows which jam in a perfect blast and are then as laboriously ground back into place, and the room again made a hermetically sealed can It is said that one lady is dying of pneumonia from these severe alternations but more, one would suppose, would die of asphyxia

It is curious but there is a great deal of fact in imagination I never go into a street car that I do not find its atmosphere so bad that I want to get out of it as quickly as possible There are ventilators but not one is ever opened Two or three every day I say to a conductor Please open some of those ventilators the air in this car is poisonous He perhaps opens one or two—generally on the same side—with a jerk and some rheumatic person glares at me but I feel happy all the same for I know the air of that car will be better when I leave it than when I entered it The work of the [illegible] is seen in the conviction of the [illegible] individual that he is suffering from the purification of the air If he did not see it if a certain amount of ventilation was effected as a matter of course, he would simply feel the beneficial effect of it and not dream of injury but it is the revolutionary aspect the sight of fresh air, which frightens him

It is hardly to be believed how many people still sleep with their windows closed tightly and rendered even more deadly with weather strips They may read all the books on sanitary science attend courses of lectures on hygiene know Professor Huxley by heart—it does not make a particle of difference they stick to their habits and their traditions in spite of what they know

If we are to look for education and its results anywhere outside academy walls it should be in such well dressed and refined looking assemblages of people as are seen at the Metropolitan opera house and the best theatres yet the interruptions the parade the talking the laughter interpolated upon the performance by ignorant idiots who have not brains enough to understand the artistic interest or sense to appreciate the rights of others, are daily subjects of complaint and have become a real dread to those who go with a serious purpose The well merited rebuke which came from Miss Genevieve Ward to a theatre party who occupied a stage box during her engagement in Philadelphia shows that other cities besides New York are afflicted with this class of illiteracy Great artists accustomed to respectful treatment and absorbed in their work are startled from it as by a shock or confused by the giggling and irrelevant sounds which have nothing to do with the work in hand Miss Ward stopped her speech while such an unseemly exhibition and disturbance was in progress and addressing herself to the delinquent said sweetly I am really afraid we are disturbing you Shall we go out A few such lessons might teach even ignorance itself something, but few artists have the presence of mind of this highly trained and experienced actress JENNY JUNE

JAMES MONROE TROTTER,

The New Recorder of Deeds at Washington

[Special Correspondence]

WASHINGTON, March 14—The colored American is coming to the front Who can doubt it when one sees the Hon Frederick Douglass retire from the best office, perhaps from a financial standpoint, in the District of Columbia only to be succeeded by another man of his race, appointed by a Democratic president? Or when one sees congressmen, senators minor legislators of that race and learns from the national statistics that 1,[illegible]00 000 colored children are now enrolled in the public schools of this country Just now public interest is excited in the newly appointed register of deeds for the District of Columbia

James Monroe Trotter, the new incumbent is a bright mulatto of Massachusetts, who has won fame as a soldier and a local reputation as a scholar and writer He was a lieutenant in the Fifty fifth Massachusetts volunteers (colored) and for eighteen years filled acceptably the post of assistant superintendent of the registered letter department of the Boston post office he has also distinguished himself in local politics and literature and is the author of a very readable book on the music and musicians of the colored people in America Though a native of the south he was taken to Ohio by his parents at a very early age and received a good education in that state When still a lad he removed to Massachusetts where he has resided some thirty years, being now 43 years of age He was among the first to volunteer after the ranks were opened to colored men, and almost the first of his race to hold a commission, being promoted to a lieutenancy for conspicuous gallantry on the field So he is not at all an obscure man in his state and his recent appointment at the end of a curious contest has given him national fame

Hon Frederick Douglass who had held the office several years, resigned soon after President Cleveland came into office but held the office over a year longer, no successor being named March 9, 1886, the president nominated James C Matthews, a colored Democrat, of Albany, but the senate rejected the appointment by an overwhelming majority, the main reason given being that he was not a resident of the district After the senate adjourned the president again appointed Mr Matthews and he was again rejected by the senate by a vote of thirty one to seventeen but held the office till the 11th instant On the last day of February the president named Mr Trotter for the office The new incumbent has long been noted as an Independent in politics maintaining that the solid voting of the colored people was to their disadvantage

THE DEAD PASTOR

Some Stories About the Rev Henry Ward Beecher

[Special Correspondence]

NEW YORK, March 11—The newspapers will be full of stories about Henry Ward Beecher for weeks Here is one he once told of himself At one time the faculty decided that the rel[illegible] of the Amherst college where he was [illegible] to be raised and resolved upon a visitation of the students in their rooms for that purpose One day he saw Professor [illegible] an immensely tall man making his way up stairs toward his (Beecher's) room and instantly [illegible] from him he hustled all his chairs but one the legs of which had been left and one half into his wood closet Seated with a book on his low chair he [illegible] the professor come in, and of course promptly offered him the seat Rather [illegible] the tall professor stooped and began sounding first it and at length succeeded in touching bottom and settled down bringing his knees quite up into his face and presenting altogether a very comical aspect For himself, repressing his risibilities with an iron nerve, Mr Beecher [illegible] meekly awaited the expected homily But the professor [illegible] proved unequal to [illegible] inspection of his knees but [illegible] in which Beecher [illegible] joined him and with the remark that he believed he would call again he struggled to a perpendicular and bowed himself out

Joe Howard writing for a New York paper over a year ago told this story

Beecher was always a great swimmer There was in those days near Fulton ferry a bath [illegible] which was kept by an old time exhorter named Gray Hither Mr Beecher used to go in his younger days, with head long jump plunge deep into the [illegible] wave spouting and puffing with all the energy of a full developed whale an expert swimmer a duck better than any boy in the City of Churches The price for a bath was a shilling and I shall never forget the old sensation I experienced one day when meeting the dominie in the street he asked if I would go down to the ferry and take a bath I was about 8 years old, and not over burdened with spending money, and bluntly told him I would like to go first rate but I hadn't got the shilling A quizzical look spread all over his ruddy face as laughingly he took me by the hand and said 'Come along when you ask a young lady to take ice cream with you you don't expect her to pay for it do you?

Beecher's habit of reading when traveling on railroad trains favored both his eyes and his brain He did not pore over a book constantly but satisfied himself with leisurely reference to it After reading not to exceed a page and a half he would drop the book into his lap and rest in reflection and wind up gazing for a few minutes before he resumed his reading This process of book study was gone over with uniform exactness When he had enough inwardly digested he went into a doze till refreshed and then bent to the book again

They say that he had little idea of the value of money, and a well known writer tells this story to back it up

"I was passing the office of J B Ford & Co, when they were his publishers years ago and Samuel Williamson one of the firm called me in to show me the proofs of the illustrations of the first volume of the Life of Christ on which Mr Beecher was then engaged I had admired a great many of the prints when Williamson, coming to a new one, suddenly snatched it up and exclaimed 'See that now! There is an illustration of Mr Beecher's ignorance of the value of money That steel plate cost $100 and he has made a correction which ruins the engraving of the whole' It was the title page, beautifully executed on steel It read as engraved Life of Jesus Christ by Henry Ward Beecher' etc But on the margin was written in cramped characters to be inserted after 'Jesus and before Christ' a comma and the word 'the' the latter looking so like a capital 'H' that I read it so aloud, whereupon Williamson laughingly explained what it was Beecher laughed over it a year or two later when I told him of it and admitted that the idea of the peculiar title had come to him after the volume had been written and he at once adopted it without the slightest thought of the cost to his publishers'

But everybody agreed that he was a great preacher WALTER WINCHEY

COL E C MORE,

Consul General at Mexico Vice Porch, Recalled

[Special Correspondence]

ST LOUIS March 11—A great deal has been said about Col E C More recently appointed consul general at Mexico, in place of Mr Porch Some of it has been true and some of it has not but most readers will agree with the writer that Col More is a good looking man Hanson C More was born at Little Rock Ark, Dec 7 1837 Elijah A More, his father who lived in St Louis for many years was favorably known to the older citizens of the state Hanson attended schools in this country, Paris Hanover and Cadiz Spain When he returned to America he entered the junior class of Yale and was graduated in 1858 A year later having chosen the law for a calling he entered the Lebanon Tenn law school from which institution he graduated in 1861 Then he went to St Louis, where he entered the law office of Messrs [illegible] Collins & [illegible] From St Louis he went to Helena M[illegible] but after a year of life in the mountains drifted back to Missouri, where he has been a 'gentleman farmer' since

COL MORE

He owns one of the finest farms in his part of the state and is now a resident of Kansas City He was a candidate for congress last fall, making a close run with Hon John I Hound the present representative of the fifth Missouri district He was a delegate to the national Democratic convention in 1880, and was an elector for Missouri in the last presidential campaign His wife is a daughter of the late Judge Logan Hunton of St Louis and a niece of Mrs John J Crittenden, of Kentucky

An Old London Street

Some enterprising [illegible] built and thrown open to the public in New York a facsimile as near as may be of a street in old London town Of course no street in old London of half way down [illegible] square corners this has [illegible] no one street [illegible] many places of special interest as has [illegible] counterfeit street has But the venture is a success, no doubt to some extent from an antiquarian point of view, as it certainly is from a financial standpoint The cut gives a fair idea of the appearance of the street

Tricks of the White Man

[illegible] the coast of Africa [illegible] tricks of the white man [illegible] well [illegible] cent jack knife can no [illegible] an ivory tusk worth $50

[illegible] Shurman

Dot's [illegible] shpit oafer deir fin ger [illegible] white horse vhill [illegible] work for twelf shil [illegible]

[illegible] truth vhas mighty und [illegible] it petter loo' a leedle [illegible] drink und goes und [illegible] sometimes a lie vhas shust [illegible] happy

[illegible] pack on our shuld [illegible] because we can't [illegible] heartaches

[illegible] who doan pelief in Heafen [illegible] will accept of a jug [illegible] shmall

[illegible] der boleece to see [illegible] neighbor's yard, he [illegible] two deadt cats under my own [illegible]

It vhas always my pelief dot guide boards were put up at highway corners to make more miles for travelers If we doan' know how [illegible] we come to some [illegible]

Some day vhen I shall come to pelieve all [illegible] I shall ship out to der [illegible] If for fear dot I vhas der only [illegible] could be lonesome

Nopody [illegible] dan he vhas, but [illegible] dot some oldt folks [illegible] on very short [illegible] Dunder in Detroit Free Press

Prepared for Anything In This Country.

The actors in Miss Fortescue's company are telling a rather amusing story about that lady's sister who is traveling with the organization When they were playing recently in Buffalo the younger Miss Fortescue came on Wednesday morning to see the manager and spoke [illegible] desire to run down that afternoon with her mother, and visit Niagara falls The manager was afraid some unforeseen delay might occur to prevent the lady's return in time for the evening performance and he said

"It would be quite useless for you to go to day The falls are not visible on Wednesday"

"Indeed? And why not?"

"They always turn the water off on Wednesday"

"How extraordinary responded Miss Fortescue and went away quite satisfied with the explanation —Boston Herald

Circumstances Alter Cases

Omaha Boy—Say Sis, you know Mr Nicefellow beg [illegible] your pardon for steppin' on your dress an' tearin a big hole in it?

Omaha Miss—Well, what of it?

An' you said it didn't matter a bit, an' you was glad of it?

[illegible]

[illegible] you like to sew, an' you didn't know what to do with yourself if you hadn't nothin to mend?

Well what of it I say"

It wasn't Mr Nicefellow that stepped on your dress It was me

Oh you horrid awkward, little wretch I'll skin you alive Omaha World

A Joke on the Sub Editor.

During the Franco German war a witty contributor to a provincial newspaper frequently had reason to complain of the [illegible] of the sub editor, and he at length resolved to serve him out One evening after office hours when he knew the sub editor would be alone with no one at one hand to correct the blunder he telegraphed to him [illegible] have taken umbrage" The sub [illegible] of any news, took as it was, issued [illegible] with the inscription "Capture of Umbrage by the Prussians" It served as a lesson for him in the future —Philadelphia Call

Inquisitive Youth

Say, pa asked the pride of the household after a moment's reflection, during which he had inadvertently declined a second help to buckwheat cakes 'If a man does what he ought to do he does his duty, don't he?'

Yes he does my son

"Well suppose he don't do what he ought to do, does he do his duty?"

Up to the hour of going to press the parental answer had not been given —Harper's Bazar

The Next Best Thing.

"Was this [illegible] grown here?" she asked as she lifted up a fine head at a Central market stall

"No ma'am

"Then I guess I don't want it"

Just so ma'am While I say that it wasn't grown here as an honest man should say I can assure you that I've had it here long enough to warrant that it is thoroughly acclimated —Detroit Free Press

Showing Solicitude

Father (to family physician)—Isn't George Banks a relative of yours, doctor?

Family Physician—Yes, he is a nephew

Father—He wants my daughter Clara, but I gave him to understand that she wouldn't get any of my money until after my death

Family Physician—That was right George was asking after your health to day —Harper's Bazar

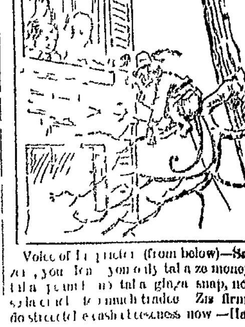
Confusion of Ideas

Omaha Man Seems to me your face looks familiar Aint you the dentist who pulled a tooth for me in Blank City?

Stranger—I [illegible] live in Blank City, but I am not a dentist I was a justice of the peace for some years there

Oh! now I know you are the man that married me —Omaha World

Genuine Business Principles



Voice of Inspector (from below)—Say, hip [illegible] you [illegible] you only taka zo money No taka [illegible] no taka glaza snap, no taka [illegible] too much trade Zis firm only do strectel[illegible] cash business now —Harper's Bazar

Embryo Colored Statesmen.

An old [illegible] colored woman stood at the station yesterday waiting for the Jacksonville train Beside her stood two little pickaninnies with faces as black as the inside of a stove pipe When the [illegible] train arrived she ex[illegible] [illegible] and then looking down at [illegible] "Here, you, Abraham [illegible] take hold of Jeff Davis [illegible] quick!" And the [illegible] of the [illegible] statesmen of the war joined [illegible] and walked away together as though their names had not expressed such [illegible] —Palatka (Fla)